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## ROOSEVELT URGED REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO IN JULY 1939 BUT AMERICANS DISBELIEVED WAR POSSIBLE

A REPEAL OF THE ARMS EMBARGO ACT BY CONGRESS IN JULY, 1939, WOULD HAVE BEEN A STRONG FACTOR IN PREVENTING THE OUTBREAK OF WAR FROM OCCURRING AS QUICKLY AS IT DID, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN COLLIER'S MAGAZINE, says Reuter from New York.

"I cannot say that a repeal would have stopped the war. Germany and Italy counted very heavily upon the fact that under the arms embargo law, we could not sell a single plane, tank or gun to Britain after war was declared."

The article continues that at a conference with Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress in July, 1939, Mr. Roosevelt urged upon them the necessity of repealing the embargo but found nearly all the Republicans and 25 per cent. of the Democrats were against the proposal, ON THE BELIEF THAT THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF WAR IN EUROPE UNTIL AT LEAST JANUARY, 1942.

## LITTLE FAITH IN U.S.-JAPAN TALKS

BATAVIA, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—LITTLE FAITH IN THE CURRENT JAPANESE-AMERICAN CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON was expressed by MR. HALLETT ABEND, former NEW YORK TIMES correspondent at Shanghai who is at present visiting the Netherlands East Indies, in an interview with the Press here today.

Mr. Abend, who is on a tour of the Philippines, Manila and Australia for readers of the Digest, added: "What can one expect, as long as the United States is obliged to keep her fleet in the Pacific and Britain keep an army in Malaya? And as soon as the United States moves her fleet to the Atlantic and Britain withdraws her army from Malaya, Japan will seize the opportunity and strike quickly."

MR. ABEND PREDICTED A JAPANESE INVASION OF RUSSIA BEFORE JAPAN CONTINUED HER SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT.

The National Broadcasting Company representative and well-known commentator, Dr. John S. Young, who recently visited Japan, is now also in Batavia where he intends to stay for three weeks.

### WILL BE RESUMED

He said the Japanese-American discussions in Washington would be resumed after the Japanese Minister, Mr. Wakasugi, returned to Washington from Tokyo.

He believed that Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador in Tokyo, and Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, were the right men in the right places.

The United States, he added, "holds the key to the whole Far Eastern situation and only has to show and use it."

## CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Sir Josiah Crosby, British Minister to Siam, has arrived from Bangkok for discussions with Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, representative of the British War Cabinet in the Far East, and also with Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China.

## SINGAPORE FACILITIES FOR U.S. SHIPS

SINGAPORE, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Commenting on the NEW YORK TIMES report that Britain had promised facilities in Singapore to United States warships, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, stated that while there is no official pronouncement on the subject it could be stated that if such facilities were asked by United States warships they would be readily granted.

### MORE INDIAN TROOPS

A further batch of Indian troops has arrived in Singapore. They are proceeding to allotted stations in Malaya.

## ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE GOVT. FUND

CANBERRA, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—A Royal Commission will soon be set up to investigate the operations of the Government's secret fund for "combating subversive activities," announced the Prime Minister, Mr. Fadden, in the House of Representatives today.

## BRITISH SHIP DELAYED

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The British evacuation ship, Anhui, has been delayed outside Yokohama since last night for quarantine reasons while several hundred white and Indian British evacuees are waiting on the pier undergoing a very strict inspection by the customs authorities.

It is understood the vessel is expected to dock almost any moment, but its departure is now believed impossible before tomorrow morning.

## Record £322 Million Budget In Australia

CANBERRA, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—AN EXPENDITURE OF £217,000,000 FOR WAR PURPOSES, PROVIDED FOR IN A RECORD BUDGET OF £322,000,000, was introduced in the Commonwealth House of Representatives today by Mr. Fadden, Australian Prime Minister.

Of the expenditure for war purposes, £160,000,000 is allocated for Australia and £57,000,000 for overseas.

## THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY IN MYSORE

POONA, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The trough of low pressure, which lay over North Deccan, recurved north-westwards, inducing a strong monsoon over a region from Central India to Assam during the course of its movement.

The monsoon withdrew from North-west India on Sept. 20 and from the United Provinces and Central parts of the country by Sept. 22.

During the rest of the week, the activity of the monsoon was mainly confined to Assam.

The Madras Presidency and Mysore experienced considerable thunderstorm activity during the week, while there were fairly widespread thundershowers in the Deccan and the west coast of the peninsula on Sept. 23.

Mr. Roosevelt's article continues.

"IT WAS AT THIS CONFERENCE THAT SENATOR BORAH MADE THE NOW FAMOUS STATEMENT THAT HIS OWN PRIVATE INFORMATION WAS MORE RELIABLE THAN THAT COLLECTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND HIS INFORMATION WAS TO THE EFFECT THERE WOULD NOT BE WAR IN 1939."

The President's article continues that under the circumstances, it was felt that it was useless to insist upon a repeal. The approach of war was visible to him as early as 1937 when in a speech made at Chicago, he called for a quarantine of international aggressors.

Mr. Roosevelt, in the article, adds that his repeated warnings were largely ignored because "THERE WERE UNFORTUNATELY MANY AMERICANS WHO REFUSED TO BELIEVE A WAR WAS POSSIBLE."

In conclusion, the President says the growing realization of the "true nature of Nazi designs on the world has led to the complete disappearance of the feeling of strict neutrality and aloofness among the American people, who have resolutely determined to arm themselves to the teeth and help to the limit those who are still resisting the aggressors."

## WIVES' POSITION DESPERATE IN AUSTRALIA

The following communique was received from MR. W. V. TAYLOR, Hon. Secretary of the Evacuation Representation Committee, last night:

"A cablegram, addressed to myself, has been received from Melbourne, Australia. The message runs as follows:

"PLEASE TRANSMIT TO THE GOVERNOR THE FOLLOWING: WIVES' POSITION VERY DESPERATE. GREAT MENTAL DISTRESS INCREASING DAILY. LIFTING OF BAN VERY VITAL. OTHERWISE EXTREMELY SERIOUS RESULTS. RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT MEETING OF WIVES."

## THAILAND HOPING FOR AID

SINGAPORE, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Thailand is hoping for direct aid and supply of materials by either BRITAIN or AMERICA, states an authoritative commentator who had unusual opportunities, during several years' residence in Thailand, to meet Ministers and other influential.

Arriving in Singapore this week, he said that no direct approaches have been made yet to either of the democracies, apart from an indirect request to the British Minister in Bangkok a few months ago, but Britain herself had then required all the material she could get, but he added: "The trend of thoughts of the Thai Government is unmistakable. Britishers and Thais are still hoping that Britain, as a gesture, will send a few modern aircraft to build up the Thai air force."

### REMAIN NEUTRAL

The commentator was emphatic on Thailand's desire and determination to remain neutral and resist any attempts of "land-grabbing" by the Japanese.

He said that Thailand welcomed the ever-growing fighting strength of Malaya, seeing in this a check of Japanese aggression and less likelihood of Thailand being drawn by force into any Far Eastern war.

Thailand, said the informant, is planning to send more supplement battalions to South Thailand and there is the possibility of staging the biggest manoeuvres yet held in the country.

The Thais are keeping the closest eye on Japanese infiltration and more than 150 Japanese were arrested during the past three weeks for sedition, while caches of arms and ammunition were discovered and seized.

"Thailand has no desire of falling in the Japanese maw," concluded the informant.

## Today's News Summary

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE in a leading American magazine, written by the President of the United States, reveals how Mr. Roosevelt had urged the necessity of repealing the arms embargo in July, 1939, which would have been a strong factor in preventing the outbreak of war from occurring as quickly as it did. The approach of the war was visible to him as early as 1937.

IT IS POINTED OUT BY the Chinese army in Chungking that the Japanese offensive in Hunan is more of a political than a military nature. The highest importance is being placed by the Chinese on the outcome of this great battle.

A WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN newspaper correspondent, interviewed in Batavia yesterday, placed little faith in the current talks between Tokyo and Washington.

AN ATTACK ON CRIMEA BY a German force, said to comprise about 70,000 men, is developing. In the opinion of the B. E. C. military commentator there will be a big battle for Kharkov, an important Russian city which contains several aircraft factories and a military training school.

CABLE NEWS ON PAGE SEVEN deals with post-war needs of liberated countries; terrible struggle for Leningrad; Bulgaria quiet; Switzerland loses trade facilities.

## JAPANESE OFFENSIVE IN HUNAN MORE POLITICAL THAN MILITARY: GREAT IMPORTANCE ON OUTCOME

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—In a leading article today on the Hunan battle, the SAOTANGPAO, Chinese Army organ, declares:

"THE PRESENT JAPANESE OFFENSIVE IN HUNAN IS MORE POLITICAL THAN MILITARY AND IS AIMING TO REMOVE THE ATMOSPHERE OF PESSIMISM AMONG THE JAPANESE TOWARDS THE WAR IN CHINA AS WELL AS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION ABROAD."

"The seizure of foodstuffs must also be one of the reasons motivating the campaign. For military reasons, we cannot disclose figures, but it is sufficient to state that we have large reserves for the battle while the number of Japanese reinforcements must be limited."

"If the main body of Japanese forces suffers a decisive defeat in this battle, its effects on the entire Sino-Japanese war cannot be underestimated."

"FOR THIS REASON, WE PLACE THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESENT HUNAN BATTLE."

A report appearing in the EVENING POST in Shanghai wherein a Japanese Army official was stated to have said that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is in direct command of 300,000 Chungking troops operating in Hunan Province, giving the impression that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is actually at the front directing operations, a local Japanese Press Bureau official declared the impression so given was erroneous.

What the Japanese Army official meant was that the Chungking forces operating in Hunan Province were the cream of Chiang's Central Army, and these troops received their marching orders not from war zone commanders or other high army commanders, but from the Generalissimo himself.

### BATTLE RAGING

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (Central).—A severe battle is now raging over the entire North Hunan front as the Japanese are throwing in more than 100,000 men into the campaign with the defenders offering stubborn resistance and making a determined effort to stem the enemy's onslaughts.

Simultaneous with the land operations there was intensified enemy aerial activity against Chinese positions on Tuesday with Japanese bombers incessantly attacking Chinese troop concentrations.

In the Tungting Lake region, Japanese naval craft and steam launches are similarly active west of Yingtien. However, all fresh Japanese attempts to land marines to the south of the Chinese line have failed.

On the northern bank of the Milo River, Chinese units are making flank attacks against the Japanese column from the east and are making appreciable progress.

## BIG BATTLE FOR KHARKOV IS SEEN

Commenting on the Russo-German war, MAJOR ALAN MURRAY, in a broadcast from London last night, said that the German High Command were certain to do all they could to regain the initiative from Marshal Timoshenko in the central sector.

Major Murray added that there would be a big battle for KHARKOV, where there were several aircraft factories and an army training school, and from which city the Germans claimed to be 35 miles away.

On the Russian front, generally, there had not been much change during the past 24 hours and the Soviet forces were launching fierce counter-attacks from north to south.

DAILY DELIVERIES. A correspondent had written that the Germans had probably used up all their reserves of ammunition and were now relying on day to day deliveries.

The R.A.F. had been in action in Russia and a seven to one victory on the first day was good news indeed. Hundreds of planes had been sent to Russia and he felt pretty certain many more would follow.

The tanks for Russia week had had a splendid start and whatever critics may have said about our being slow in "getting going, we are on the move now alright."

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The first Soviet ship since the granting of general export licence to Russia arrived in Cebu yesterday, according to the MANILA TRIBUNE quoted in a Japanese dispatch from Manila.

## Ridding Of Useless Mouths In Djibuti

A report from Vichy that British troops made an attack on a French port in French Somaliland, near DJIBUTI, was officially denied in London, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

It is learned, however, that the French authorities in Djibuti, in order to get rid of useless mouths, have been forcing local inhabitants not of British nationality towards the British lines under threat of opening fire on them if they should seek to return into the French zone.

Some of these natives obeyed the orders of their Vichy masters and sought asylum in our lines. In view of their enfeebled and underfed condition, asylum and food have been given them.

It is possible, however, that some, in basing their estimates of our possible behaviour on that of the Vichy authorities, have not dared to come to us and have endeavoured to return to the French lines in spite of the threat that they would be fired on if they made an attempt.

### FIRED ON

It is possible, also, that the return of such Somalis may have led to their being fired on by Vichy troops under the misapprehension that they are British troops attacking.

This would account for the strange rumour which has been spread abroad of an attack by British troops on the French post which, however, is completely unfounded.

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## ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG  
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NOTICE TO MEMBERS  
SEVENTH EXTRA RACE  
MEETING

"GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,  
Acting Secretary

Hong Kong, 26th Sept., 1941.

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941 commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including taxi) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd Sept., 1941.

## "NEEDLE" BOWLS MATCH

The "needle" match between Kowloon F.C. and Kowloon Tong in the Second Division of the Lawn Bowls will be decided at Chatham Road.

Kowloon F.C. are strongly favoured to win and their chances are further enhanced by the advantage of playing on their home green.

K.F.C. links: — A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, V. Atienza, P. Young, husband (skip); B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden, W. V. Fields (skip); E. Kern, A. E. Eastman, W. Hyde, W. C. Simpson (skip).

## SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING:

# Australian Subscription Ponies Autumn Plate: Change In Racing Rules

BY "LAST QUARTER"

Racing enthusiasts will once again fill the spacious premises of the Hongkong Jockey Club at Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon when the SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING takes place. The programme originally called for 10 events but in view of the number of entries received (24) for the Gosford Handicap over six furlongs for "C" Class Australians, the Stewards have divided the race into three sections instead of two as specified on the draft programme, and this extra event will be run as the last race of the meeting at 6.50 p.m.

In connection with the Cash Sweeps, however, I would call the attention of readers that the usual \$1 tickets will be available for the additional race, but only obtainable at the Race Course during the meeting. The \$10 "through numbers" will not participate in this extra event.

## NEW RACING RULE

Under date of Sept 20 the following notice appeared at the Club House, Happy Valley:

The following alterations and additions to the Rules of Racing are hereby notified:

1. A rider who has weighed in for a race, but who has not started, shall be considered as having started.

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## BETTING DUTY AMENDMENT

## Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce Seeks Date For Abolishment

Speaking at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the HON. MR. T. E. PEARCE moved an amendment to Clause 4 of an Ordinance to amend the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, as amended by the Betting Duty Amendment Ordinance, 1940, to read: "This Ordinance shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 1941, and shall continue in force until the war, which began on Sept. 3, 1939, is terminated, and no longer, unless otherwise provided by Ordinance."

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.) said that the amendment had been considered by the Governor in Council but it was regretted that the amendment could not be accepted.

The Attorney General added that he was happy to give an assurance that if at any time during the war, or after it, a change of circumstances occurs which in the opinion of the Council warranted a review of this tax then the application would be considered. Government could not give a definite date for this tax to expire.

Mr. Pearce said he was extremely disappointed that Government could not accept the amendment but he was glad to hear of the Attorney General's assurance and, with the permission of the Senior Unofficial Member, he would withdraw the amendment.

The amendment was accordingly withdrawn and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

HON. MR. T. E. PEARCE

Mr. Pearce addressing the Council said:

With your permission, Sir, I should like to make a few observations, and to move an amendment.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary will confirm that during the discussions which led to the acceptance of the Stewards' recommendations in fixing the increase at 5 per cent the only motive in view was to avoid doing anything which might kill the "goose that lays the golden egg."

The phrase in Clause 1 of the "Objects and Reasons," "for the time being at any rate," is elastic, and I am glad to have assurance this increase will be promptly amended if it is found to have any detrimental effect on turnover.

Based on the figures disclosed in the Jockey Club's Accounts for the year ending March 31, 1941, the proposed increase will produce additional \$150,000 in one year, from that Club alone. For that same period the Jockey Club actually paid Government \$492,000 in Rates, Betting in Tax and War Taxation, so with this additional \$150,000, a sum approximating no less than \$650,000 will be paid to Government which, may I add, costs nothing in its collection.

LIBERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I believe it is hardly necessary for me to remind Members of this

bay will disappoint. EVE OF REASON and HOPEFUL STAR should fill the remaining places, while KING KONG has a fair chance. HUGHBER does not appear as she finished quite tired after Wednesday's gallop, but OONAGH is a long shot.

PORT PHILLIP STAKES

The field is fairly well matched in this mile race for Australian. GRACEFUL VIEW is well considered and a very likely winner at that. RIVERSIDE is the main danger, though KING'S WELCOME is fancied in certain quarters. I do not enthuse over the latter's chances as this mare has disappointed more often than not, and unreliable over the last bit. In addition, it may be possible she will be held over for the last event, which is only six furlongs. AMUSEMENT TAX is a fair outsider.

I do not know if TROPICAL LOVE will start here or in the final race, but in case the connections decide to have a go in this event, I would advise punters to have some money on this bay mare, as she certainly moved nicely over the six furlongs, inside 1:27 yesterday morning.

GOSFORD HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

There are several good sprinters in this six furlong race. SHUTTLECOCK is known by past performances and can account for the field if well served at the gate, but will have stern opposition from NOMINE POENAE. The new acquisition of Mrs. Stanton, DEVONIAN, will have a sporting chance, particularly if the going is dry. ARAXY II is also useful over this distance and the same can be said of NEWBORN STAR.

VAUCLOUSE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

In this sprint from the 1-1/2 mile post for "B" Class China ponies, I have a strong fancy for RONSON and do not think this

good millers entered. SPRINGHURST is nicely weighted but GAY FOX should make anything in the race gallop hard in order to win. This grey, I hear, will be taken out by Mr. Black and the combination will be difficult to beat. CRIFTEL should be able to secure a place. GLOAMING, CHEERFUL STAR and ROWAN are fair prospects.

I believe this will be one of the best races of the day and produce an excellent finish.

GOSFORD HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

In this 3/4 mile race, TWINKLING STAR has the best chance and with THE KOALA BEAR should have things pretty much their own way between them. For third place, I expect either INCOME TAX or FRANKLIN.

ISLAND BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

This is the second of the novice races and is confined to "C" Class China ponies. It is difficult to pick out one reliable stayer and the possibility of an upset is quite likely. The four best, in my opinion, are EVE OF PEACE, BLUE DIAMOND, JOBER and LANCA-SHIRE LASS.

GOSFORD HANDICAP (THIRD SECTION)

I expect to see VITAMIN M account for the field in this six furlong race, which is the additional one of the meeting. This mare will have to watch out for TROPICAL LOVE, as mentioned in my notes, GOOGLY is handy over the distance and should at least place. KING'S WELCOME is also entered here but the same remarks as I made previously, apply here. LOCUS STANDI and MISTY EVE are about the best of the remaining entries.

My final selections will appear tomorrow.



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## Cricketers To Make Full Use Of Extra Half-hour

Full use of the extra half-hour provided by Winter Time will be made by the HONGKONG CRICKET LEAGUE this decision being reached at the annual meeting of the League held in the Urban Council Chamber yesterday evening. MR. H. R. B. HANCOCK, President, was in the chair.

Others present were Mr. A. H. Madar (Hon. Sec.), Lt. T. A. Pearce (Army), Messrs. D. S. Robb (H.K.C.C.), S. A. Gray and W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.), E. A. R. Alves (Recreio), M. R. Abbas (Indian R.C.), E. Zilmern (C.C.C.), Syed Mahmood (Univ.) and Sgt. A. Billingham (Police R.C.).

It was announced that a donation of \$50 would be made to the Children's Playgrounds and that the match at the end of the season, Champions v. Rest, would be in aid of the Bomber Fund.

STARTING TIMES  
Starting times for matches will be as follows:—2 p.m.—Oct., Nov., Dec., Mar. and April; 1.45 p.m.—Jan., Feb. Drawing stamps—6.45

p.m.—Oct., Feb., Mar., April; 8.30 p.m.—Nov., Jan.; 6.15 p.m.—Dec. Probable League entries are as follows:—Div. I—K.C.C., H.K.C.C., Univ., Army, I.R.C., C.C.C., Rec., Civil Service C.C., Div. II—K.C.C., C.C.C., Army, Rec., I.R.C., C.S.C.C., Police, University.

The following officers were elected:—President: H. R. B. Hancock (proposed by Mr. D. S. Robb, seconded by Lt. Pearce); Vice-President: Frank Goodwin (proposed by Mr. H. A. Gray); Hon. Secretary: A. H. Madar (proposed by Mr. Hancock, seconded by Mr. E. Zilmern).

Accounts for the season 1940-41 showed a credit balance of \$24.04.



## OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

## H.K. UNIVERSITY'S

## New Post-Graduate Course In Tropical Med. &amp; Hygiene

Hongkong University has instituted, under the auspices of the Faculty of Medicine, a post-graduate course in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene for the present Academic Year.

It is hoped that at a later stage in the development of the scheme, of which the new course offered this year is a part, it may be possible to offer the full course of instruction necessary for the Diploma of Public Health.

## Two Weddings At Registry

The following marriages took place at the Registry Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr T. S. Whyte-Smith Registrar of Marriages officiating.

Mr Ho Shing-long, merchant residing at the Luk Ho Tung Hotel, and Miss Wong Chiu-lin, of No. 789 Nathan Road first floor.

Mr Chan Wen-kwong, photographer, of No. 72 Wellington Street, and Miss Tung Siu-heung, of No. 204 Hai Tan Street.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages have been announced.

Mr Chu Beng-fun, merchant, of No. 96 Jaffe Road, and Miss Kwai Chow-chu, of No. 39 Leighton Hill Road.

Mr Chau San, merchant, of No. 55 Battery Street, and Miss Li Chan-ying, of No. 373 Main Street, Shaukwan.

Mr Tam Ngai-man, student, of No. 340 Un Chau Street, and Miss Chan Wai-ling, of No. 199 Shaukwan Road.

Mr Andre Othmar Ho Ngook-ming, clerk, of No. 10 Nga Tsin Wo Road, and Miss Johanna Louise Leew Siew-lan, of the same address.

Mr Li Shu-yun, merchant, of Stanley, and Miss So Sui-lan, student, of No. 232 Yu Chau Street first floor.

Mr Wu Wai-chung, merchant, of No. 30 Nam Kwok Road, and Miss Wu Sau-king, of No. 84 Pok Wah Street.

The main reasons given by the University for the institution of this new course are that it is becoming increasingly necessary to stress the importance of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene as subjects of instruction in this part of the Far East and to provide recognized graduates in Medicine with facilities for Post Graduate Study and a Diploma in these subjects.

## EXCELLENT FACILITIES

It is pointed out that Hongkong is favourably situated for the development of a School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Excellent facilities exist here for the study and development of Public Health. Modern methods for the control of epidemic diseases can be studied as they are employed here.

Clinical material is abundant and unique opportunities are to be encountered in Hongkong for the study of the morbid pathology of disease. Materials are also readily obtainable for the study of Parasitology, Malariology, etc.

That the teaching will have a strong practical outlook in connection with current medical and sanitary conditions peculiar to China is ensured by the fact that personal relationships exist between certain members of the University staff responsible for the course of instruction and the National Health Administration of the Republic of China. These members have had experience in the interior of China of problems of epidemiology and medical reconstruction in rural hygiene.

## 24-WEEK COURSE

In the past, Chinese graduates in medicine who wished to specialise in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene had to travel to the Liverpool University School of Tropical Medicine or the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

The course designed for Hongkong University is modelled on

## SURE WINNER



Helen Jepson, opera star, is headed for victory. She's modeling the new hat inspired by Great Britain's "V" campaign. Designed by Anita Andra.

It's of blue felt with applied patches of red representing three dots and a dash—international Morse Code for "V".

Mr William Taylor, Assistant to Mr A. Manuel Fox, American member of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board, arrived in Kunming from Chungking by plane on Wednesday evening. It is understood that Mr Taylor is here on a mission to confer with local financial and currency circles.

that given in the British Universities and is of comparable standard.

It is of 24 weeks, and will commence this term on Oct. 6. There will be approximately 20 weeks of instruction, two weeks of examinations and two weeks for vacation at Christmas. The examination will be held at a date to be arranged before Easter in 1942.

## SITSON MA RECITAL

Maestro Sitson Ma, the distinguished violinist, will give the first part of his Violin Recital, the programme for which will require two evenings, at the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel tonight.

Maestro Ma will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mary Wong Ma, at the piano.

The programme for tonight's recital will be:

PART I: 1. Violin Concerto in D Major (op. 61), Ludwig van Beethoven, Cadenza by Kreisler; 2. Sonata No. 6 in E Major for violin alone, Johann Sebastian Bach; PART II: 3. Scherzo-Tarantelle (op. 16), Wieniawski; 4. Nocturne in E Major (op. 9 No. 2), F. Chopin; 5. Solyunalia (op. 91), Ma Sitson.

A number of prominent personalities in Hongkong will attend the recital among them being His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, Hon. Mr N. L. Smith, Mr A. P. Blunt, Mr Sun Fo, Hon. Sir Shousen Chow, and Mr D. J. Gloss.

## NEWSETTES

Mr R. G. B. Prescott, Commissioner of Police for Rangoon, who arrived in Chungking by plane from Rangoon on September 19 to discuss with the Chinese authorities the question of Chinese immigration into Burma, was entertained at dinner on Wednesday by Dr. Han Li-wu, Secretary-General of the recent Chinese Goodwill Mission to Burma.

The tenth annual meeting and the 30th anniversary meeting of the Chinese Engineering Society will be held here simultaneously from October 10 to 20. It is expected that more than 500 members of the Society will participate in the celebration of the occasion.

Comprehensive reports on the military situation and foreign affairs were made by the War and Foreign Ministers respectively at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Executive Yuan in Chungking. Details of the reports, however, were not made public.

## A.R.P. INQUIRY EVIDENCE

## WOMAN DENIES BEING PAID \$20,000 FOR SERVICES AS GO-BETWEEN FOR ALLEGED PARTNER IN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

The allegation that she was acting as a go-between for her alleged partner in the ORIENTAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY and a firm of contractors was denied by TAM YUEN-KWAN, alias MATILDA TAM, when she testified before the Commission, appointed by Government to inquire into certain matters relating to the AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS DEPARTMENT, at its resumed sitting yesterday afternoon.

Witness also denied that for her services as a go-between she was paid the sum of \$20,000 after she had obtained the contract for transportation of muck from the A.R.P. tunnels from Marsman's.

The woman and Ho To, her partner in the Oriental Transportation Company, were closely questioned respecting the capital, date of formation, and nature of work done by the firm prior to its obtaining the contract from Marsman's.

During the morning session, a suggestion was made by the Chairman to a Government foreman that the reason why he forgot to check scores of vouchers was due to witness having been guilty of "gross neglect of duty" and that the evidence he had given was "a series of lies."

## CHAIRMAN'S ADVICE

Another witness, who claimed that he was owned \$10,000 by the Kin Lee firm of building contractors, was advised by the Chairman to stop work should the Kin Lee be two weeks behind time in their payments, and to take out a writ against that firm for the \$10,000.

The Commission comprises Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall (Chairman), Mr L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. S. Hamden-Ross with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson appeared on behalf of Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, and Mr. D. H. Blake represented the Kin Lee firm.

Before the Commission resumed its public sitting in the afternoon,

evidence was taken in camera from a certain Army officer. The public inquiry was resumed at 4.15 p.m.

The first witness to testify was Mr. Ho To, managing-partner of the Oriental Transportation Co.

Chairman.—When was the company formed?—In June, 1939.

How many lorries had you when you formed the company?—When we first formed this company we had no lorries as we could not get the licence.

Then why did you form a transportation company?—Because we could hire the lorries.

Why did you form a transportation company when you had no lorries and could not get the licence?—It was not necessary to have lorries as we could do transportation work by junks and boats.

## NO JUNKS

Did you have any junks when you formed the company?—No.

So you had no means of doing transportation work when you formed the company?—No.

What was the capital of the company when it was formed?—\$20,000.

Who are the partners?—Tam Yuen-kwan.

A woman?—Yes.

She's also known as Matilda Tam?—Yes.

What's your share of the capital?—\$10,000.

And Matilda Tam put in the same amount?—Yes.

Where did you get the \$10,000?—I had a business of my own before we started the Oriental Transportation Co.

What business?—Export and import.

What was the name of the business?—The Tung Fong Sheung Yip Kung Sze, the Orient Trade Co.

What was your trade?—We exported goods to Chicago in America.

You said "we" just now. Who did you mean by "we"?—Tam Yuen-kwan and myself.

Did you do a good business?—No.

## NO PROFIT

Did you make a good profit?—We made no profit.

You made no profit? But you just said that you got the \$10,000 from the Orient Trade Co.—Yes.

And Matilda did the same?—Yes.

Where did you originally get the \$10,000?—We borrowed it from relatives.

Who did Matilda borrow the money from?—Her mother.

What is her name?—I don't know.

And who did you borrow the money from?—My father.

What is his name?—Ho Wai-chuen.

Is he still alive?—Yes.

Where does he live?—I don't know.

When did he lend you the money?—1938.

You said that the company made no money so you took the money to form the Oriental Transportation Co.—Yes.

Did your transportation company ever do any sea transportation work?—Yes, sir.

## FROM SEAWALL

Where in?—From seawall to ships in harbour.

And you say you had no junks?—Yes.

Did you make money?—Yes, but not much.

How much?—I must find out from my books.

\$10,000?—Not very much.

\$10?—I must look up my books.

I can produce the books to you.

We don't want the exact figures.

We just want it in round sums.

I am not prepared to answer this question until I have looked up my books.

Shall I tell you why? The reason is because you have never done any sea transportation and could not, therefore, have made any money?—I can produce the books.

That's my next question: I want you to produce all your books showing your sea transportation work from the day your company first started business.—Yes.

When did your company branch out in land transport work?—In 1939.

Witness was then questioning in respect of a letter received by his transportation company from Marsman's in 1939. He stated that at the time the letter was received both himself and Tam were out of the Colony and, when pressed, admitted that his assistant, Ho Woon-man, might have received the letter.

Chairman.—Is he still employed by you?—No.

When did he leave?—Round about January, 1941.

## CANNOT REMEMBER

Did he tell you the contents of the letter?—Yes.

What did it say?—I don't remember what the contents were.

Wasn't it to the effect that Marsman's wanted you to remove muck from their tunnels?—To that effect.

And ask you to supply the lorries?—No, they asked for quotations.

Did Marsman's know at that

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## HOLLYWOOD AUTHORESS IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Sept. 25 (Central)—Miss Anne Whitmore, young and charming M.G.M. scenario writer, author of the popular Andy Hardy series, has arrived in Chungking from Hollywood via Hongkong to do special publicity work for the United China Relief and to gather background materials for possible screen stories.

Mr. Albert Evans, of the American National Red Cross, has also arrived in Chungking to take over the directorship of the China Relief Committee of the American Red Cross succeeding Dr. Walter Wessellus who is shortly returning to America on leave.

And you got the contract?—Yes. And since then you were the only company engaged on the work of transporting muck for Marsman's?—There was another company.

But that was only on a small

## GOVERNOR VISITS HOSPITALS

His Excellency Sir Mark Young visited several Government hospitals and other medical institutions on the Island yesterday accompanied by the Director of Medical Services.

The Governor made a thorough inspection of the Queen Mary Hospital from the roof to the casualty entrance in the course of which he visited several wards, the operating theatres, X-ray department, casualty, Almoner's department and kitchens.

Later, the Governor visited the cholera wards at the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Kennedy Town and the Leper Settlement adjoining.

The Governor, also, inspected the Tsan Yuk Maternity Hospital, including the ante-natal department, wards, nursery for premature babies, staff quarters and kitchen.

His Excellency finished up his tour of inspection by a visit to Medical Headquarters.

scale?—I don't know.

How much have you been paid by Marsman's for the work to date?—From Oct. 20, 1940, to July,

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## Refugees In The Colony

A decrease of 18 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in the urban and rural areas is recorded in the returns for the week ending on Sept. 20.

Urban Areas: King's Park—1,393 against 1,392 on Sept. 13.

Ma Tau Chung—2,166 against 2,004 on Sept. 13.

North Point—1,571 against 1,571 on Sept. 13.

Morrison Hill—552 against 571 on Sept. 13.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camp): Tai Hang—2,541 against 2,546 on Sept. 13.

Ngau Tau Kok—823 against 888 on Sept. 13.

Rural Areas: Kam Tin—2,314 against 2,316 on Sept. 13.

Fanning Children's Camp—309 against 299 on Sept. 13.

Total—11,759 against 11,777 on Sept. 13.

It was announced in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday that Brazilian ships are no longer allowed to navigate in war zones.



## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shek Shan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,835.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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## WALLA-WALLAS REQUIRED BY H.M. NAVAL YARD, HONGKONG.

Tenders are invited for the supply and delivery to H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, of one or more walla-wallas. The hulls are required to be in sound condition and the engines in good running order. Boats built about 1925 and fitted with "Penta" engines are preferred. The boats should be fully equipped for use and complete with navigation lamps, anchor and chain cable and other usual accessories.

Tenders accompanied by full particulars of the boats offered are to be in Hongkong dollars and must be lodged by noon Monday, September 29th, 1941 addressed to Chief Constructor, H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong.

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## A NEW PHASE OF COLLABORATION

IT IS impossible to overstate the significance of the Inter-Allied Conference which was opened in London on Wednesday. It has, in the words of the British Foreign Secretary, inaugurated "a new phase of collaboration" by which victory might be won and peace attained. The importance of this new phase is the whole-hearted pledge which Soviet Russia gave in supporting the allied war and peace aims and the common cause on which the destiny of humanity itself rests. Thus far, therefore, the amplification of the now famous "Atlantic Charter" has gone on from strength to strength and the assembly of representatives from all countries which have been over-run in Europe in the island bulwark that stands for justice and freedom is proof of a determination by each and every one of them to take an active part in fashioning the shape of things to come, no matter how great the sacrifices they will be called upon to make, and to establish international affairs on a strong and lasting basis.

ONE of the customary Axis complaints since the start of hostilities has been that the responsibility for continuing the war must rest on Great Britain, because she initiated the resistance to the so-called German claims for safety-guarding her own security against a mythical encirclement. The unanimity with which the Governments of the very countries which Herr Hitler has trodden down have joined in this resistance gives the lie to that assertion. That resistance, which is founded on an unshaken desire and resolve to create a lasting peace, has now grown to a veritable association of nations and free peoples who are pledged to an endeavour to see that the sacrifices of war are made to some real purpose. These are the principles for which the nations

## Important Amendments To Midwives Ordinance

When the Bill of an Ordinance to amend the Midwives Ordinance, 1910, came before the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon for its second reading, the HON. MR. M. K. LO expressed thanks to the Attorney General, the Director of Medical Services and Professor Gordon King for their good offices and assistance in meeting the Hongkong Nurses and Midwives Association on various points which so vitally affect all nurses and midwives in the Colony.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, said it was very gratifying to him to learn that the Bill was the result of the co-operation to which the Honourable member had referred.

Addressing the Council, Mr. Lo said:—  
Sir, A Bill for the purpose of amending Section 4 of the Midwives Ordinance, 1910, was gazetted in November 1940. As the Hongkong Nurses and Midwives Association desired to make representations to Government regarding that Bill my Chinese colleagues and I approached my Honourable friend the Attorney General, asking him to delay the introduction of that Bill to this Council pending the representations of the Association.

THRASHED OUT  
To this the Attorney General agreed. Since then all the points which the Association raised have been thoroughly thrashed out between the Association and the Honourable the Director of Medical Services, with the invaluable assistance and advice of Professor Gordon King who, with the approval of the Honourable the Director of Medical Services, was good enough to place his unrivalled knowledge and experience before the Association on the important question of the training of midwives.

The Bill now before the Council has embodied important amendments which were the result of the discussions I have mentioned. My Chinese colleagues and I desire to thank the Honourable the Attorney General, the Honourable the Director of Medical Services and Professor Gordon King for their good offices and assistance in meeting the Association on various points which so vitally affect all nurses and midwives in the Colony.

OTHER BILLS  
An Ordinance to amend further the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens Ordinance, 1940, an Ordinance to amend the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, and an Ordinance to enable the Governor to confer by Proclamation on certain police forces in the Colony the status of militia in time of war or other time of emergency.

represented at the conference in London are fighting. They are the principles, too, which have been so vigorously supported by the United States whose President subscribed to that Atlantic Charter which formed the framework for the recent developments.

TO THE critically minded, this principle of an association of nations which appears to have taken shape at the London conference might resemble the Wilsonian idealism which led to the formation of the League of Nations after the last war and which failed so lamentably in practice. This failure was, however, due to the League being used for the purpose of preserving the status quo of countries and not to bring about peaceful and equitable adjustments. This is a sort of mechanism which will have to be guarded against in any new association of nations. The main purpose of such a new body of free countries must be directed towards securing an orderly world governed by law. That must form the distinction between the kind of peace for which Britain and her allies together with the United States are striving and the regimented "New Order" on which the dictator countries are basing their war aims. In short, what the Inter-Allied Conference heralds today is a world ruled by law and adherence to principles of freedom and justice for all men, with the menace of power-politics totally eliminated.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Change Of Police Officers' Titles

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, the Attorney General moved resolution that the Director, Criminal Investigation (Special Branch) be styled Director Special Branch, that the Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation (Special Branch) be styled Assistant Director, Special Branch, and the Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation (Crime) be styled Director, Criminal Investigation. The resolution was adopted.

## HEALTH AMENDMENT

The amendment made by the Urban Council under section 3 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, on the 26 day of Aug. 1941 to the by laws under the heading "Dangerous and Offensive Trades" contained in Schedule A to that Ordinance was approved.

## THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were His Excellency the Governor Sir Mark Young (President), H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major General C. M. Malby), the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith), the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Clabaster, K.C.), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North), the Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. R. Todd), the Director of Medical Services (Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke), the Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves), the Commissioner of Police (Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans), the Chairman of the Urban Council (Hon. Mr. W. J. Carlier), Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jun., Hon. Mr. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tze-fong, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. Edgar Davidson and Mr. R. Edwards (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

## C. T. WANG BACK FROM MANILA

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States and now manager of the Philippines branch of the Bank of Communications, returned here yesterday morning by a President liner after a visit in Manila. Interviewed by Central News, Dr. Wang said that he had been to Manila principally to smooth up matters arising from the American freezing order. As a result of his efforts, he said, measures had been worked out to regulate withdrawals of Chinese deposits and remittances. Regarding Chinese patriotic efforts in the Philippines, Dr. Wang revealed that about 2,000,000 pesos had been raised for China and more were being collected on a monthly basis.

## ST. ANDREW'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of St. Andrew's Club was held last night at St. Andrew's Church Hall. The report shows a membership roll of 129. The Club had been active during the year in hockey, amateur dramatics, badminton, and table tennis. Officers elected were: President, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach; Vice-Presidents, R. Dormer, R. Baldwin, G. S. P. Heywood, A. C. Jeffreys and R. H. Wong; Hon. Sec., L. Millington; Hon. Treas., A. S. Ellis; Hon. Capt. Miss F. Wong; Committee, Miss F. Wong, Miss S. Arnold, William C. Low, V. Merrett, J. Pennington and J. Moulton.

## NEW ZEALAND V.C. MISSING

LONDON, Sept. 25 (BWS)—A young New Zealand airman, Sergeant Pilot James Ward, who was to have attended an investiture by the King at Buckingham Palace this week to receive the V.C. awarded him for bravery in climbing on to the wing of a blazing bomber to put out the fire in one of the engines, is reported missing following a bombing raid on Germany last week.

## A.R.P. INQUIRY

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1941, the amount was \$260,000 odd, and from then to date another \$7,000 odd.

## \$20,000 PROFIT

Have you calculated the profit you and Matilda Tam made to date? Up to July about \$20,000 from which has to be deducted bonus to coolies.

You occupied two cubicles in Pedder Building?—Yes.

You have a telephone?—Yes. You occupied the inner office, in which is a desk, some chairs and a table?—Yes, and a sofa.

And you sub-let the outside office to a firm doing shipping business? Well, I must explain. The room was let to a friend of mine who only paid a small amount towards the expenses.

What is his name?—Yau.

Yau what?—(After thinking a long time) I don't know.

But he said he is a friend of yours? He is not exactly a friend of mine, but a friend of Tam's.

Oh, so he is a friend of Matilda Tam? Then why did you let him have one of your cubicles for nothing? Because he is a friend of Tam's.

Is Matilda Tam sometimes referred to as "Fai por Tam"? I have never heard.

## NOT DESERTED

A statement has been made that your office is usually deserted and that neither you nor Matilda Tam were ever found in the office? That's not correct.

Do you keep books in the office?—Yes.

You have no book keeper in the office. You do it yourself? Yes. I have a book keeper, Mr. Sung.

He is still employed by you?—Yes.

Where does he live? I don't know.

The next witness was Tam Yuen Kwan (Matilda Tam).

Chairman. What exactly are you?—I am manager and also cashier of Oriental Transportation Co.

What salary do you get?—\$100 per month.

Who pays you that?—I pay myself (laughter) because I am a partner. I also look after the money of the firm.

Who is your other partner?—Mr. Ho.

What did you put into the business?—\$10,000.

Where did you get it from?—From my mother.

When did you first put money into the Oriental Transportation Co.?—At first I joined Mr. Ho and we started an export business. We exported goods to California.

## MONEY REMITTED

You used your money on that?—We sent goods to California and the money was remitted to Hongkong in respect of the goods.

How much did you make on that business?—We had a loss.

How much?—I forget.

Did you close the business up after you had the loss?—Well, did you close the business up or not?—It is closed now.

Did it close up?—The Orient Trade Co., yes.

You dissolved it because you made a loss?—No, later on we did our business in the regular business way through a bank.

Which bank?—The American Express Co. Inc.

You had a loss, had you not?—Yes, again we had a loss.

How much?—I forget.

\$5,000?—I forget.

Would it be correct to say that you and Mr. Ho lost all the money in these businesses?—No.

And then you started the Oriental Transportation Co.?—Yes, in June 1939.

Who started it?—The same man, Mr. Ho.

How did he come to start this company?—Because at that time Mr. Ho had experience in transportation work and the transportation business then was very profitable.

What capital did you put in?—\$10,000.

And Ho the same?—Yes.

You told us that the Orient Trade Co. lost money. Where did you get the \$10,000?—When we first started the Orient Trade Co., we had a loss. We are talking of the Oriental Transportation Co. Where did you get the \$10,000?—From my mother.

Another \$10,000?—The same \$10,000.

But you just said that you made a loss in the Orient Trade Co.?—Yes, but it was only a small amount.

How much?—We intended to put in \$10,000 but we did not do so. We had something left from the Orient Trade, and also the goods, witness said that the question was difficult to answer.

Chairman.—What kind of transportation work did you do?—From

## GERMAN CLAIMS TO NAVAL SUCCESSES ARE REFUTED

The German High Command statement that British warships abandoned a convoy of merchant ships when the latter was attacked by Nazi raiders was vigorously denied by MR. H. C. FERRABY, B.B.C. naval observer, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the German claims of successes against the British Navy.

Opening his talk, Mr. Ferraby quoted a statement issued from Herr Hitler's headquarters that three British warships which were escorting a convoy, avoided combat with German raiders and left the convoy unprotected.

## PROUD TRADITION

"That assertion about British warships is a lie," said Mr. Ferraby. "But I don't suppose that our authorities will even take the trouble to issue a true statement of this ridiculous statement."

"It has been the proud tradition of the Royal Navy for 350 years or more that whatever the odds against them, warships never give up the struggle. In the present war there have been striking examples of this. There is the tragic case of the Jervis Bay and you will remember how this armed merchantman tackled a German battleship."

Mr. Ferraby went on to give other instances of this gallant conduct. He referred to the case of two destroyers which were escorting a convoy when the Germans attacked the convoy. Both these destroyers had carried the fight to the enemy until the range had been no more than 3,000 yards. On one destroyer, the only gun that was not put out of action kept on firing until the vessel had been blown to pieces and then the Germans had to turn their attention to the second destroyer.

## MALEVOLENT SLANDER

"If anyone says that British warships abandon convoys to their fate when attacked, what I have said should prove that that story is a lie," said Mr. Ferraby. "This is the first time in this war that a German statement has shown such malevolent slander."

Mr. Ferraby said that the statement was obviously invented with characteristic German rage owing to the falling off in the British merchant shipping losses recently. These statements had gone on from exaggeration to exaggeration. Another recent report from the German High Command stated that three escorting vessels and twenty ships in a convoy had been destroyed. These were the usual exaggerations which Dr. Goebbels put out and the British authorities would not take the trouble to contradict them.

Mr. Ferraby said that as far as losses of British warships were concerned, the Admiralty had always made known any loss promptly and as soon as they were in a position to verify the facts. In the last few weeks there had been no such announcements.

godown to godown, and from land to ships.

## REMOVED MUCK

Did you remove muck from tunnels?—Later, yes.

How did you get the business?—We had been doing transportation work for Marsman's and so they wrote to us for quotations.

Were you in Hongkong when the letter was received?—No.

Where were you?—In Kwong-chow-wan.

Did you see the letter?—Yes, when I came back.

And did you quote then?—It had already been replied to by one of the folks in the office.

Which folk?—One of the two clerks.

So you had two clerks?—What are their names?—Ho Yu-chuen and Tam Yim-wa. At the beginning we had only Tam Yim-wa. Ho Yu-chuen joined later.

And Tam Yim-wa dealt with Marsman's letter?—Yes.

This Tam Yim-wa: is this your brother or sister?—He is not a relative, only an employee.

So Tam Yim-wa closed the deal with Marsman's?—Yes.

## NO LORRIES

When Tam Yim-wa closed the deal, did you have any lorries?—No, because we could not get a licence.

You had \$20,000 in hand and could purchase some second-hand lorries?—Yes, but we could not get the licences.

But they have already got licences?—You may buy second-hand lorries but the licences are not transferable.

Did you apply for a licence?—Yes, to Inspector Saunders and a A.B.P.

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There was the same exaggeration in the Italian communiques. There was the statement of the recent attack on Gibraltar and the Italians said that their naval vessels had penetrated into the inner harbour there and sunk four warships. It was now known that the only ship damaged during that episode was a coal bulk which was lying outside Gibraltar Bay.

The attack, which failed so badly, was probably intended to be in reply to British naval activity in the Mediterranean where two big Italian liners, carrying troops to Libya, had been sunk. That had been a remarkable achievement for the Navy.

"Interference with Axis supplies to Libya has come from all directions last week," said Mr. Ferraby, "and our aircraft too have been playing havoc with ships and stores in enemy harbours. The position of the Axis forces in North Africa thus becomes more and more difficult as unceasing pressure of sea-power exercises more and more pressure against their supply lines."

## "PICTURE-BOOK" READERS

Serious Problem For Social Educators In The Colony

An interesting local problem in social education was discussed yesterday by Mr. C. H. Cheng, M.A., Ed. Dip, Senior Chinese Lecturer at the Northcote Training College, when he addressed the Hongkong Y's Men's Club on the subject, "The Chinese Serial Picture-Books in Hongkong and Their Influence." He had counted no fewer than 445 book-stalls in the streets of Hongkong and Kowloon, Mr. Cheng said, catering solely for "Picture-Book" readers. The literary standard of these booklets could be compared to that of the cheapest type of American comic-strip, and they held a vast appeal for the semi-literate.

## PATRONISED BY STUDENTS

The stalls were patronised by illiterate women, maid-servants, primary and even middle school students, who paid one cent to borrow six booklets, in some instances paying three cents to buy one of these outright.

An estimate on the number of customers per day that these street book-stalls catered to could be placed at more than 40,000 as a typical count taken by a gentleman who had assisted him in studying this problem found no fewer than 154 customers at one single shop in a day, while 100 was about the average daily figure per stall.

From a questionnaire put to 740 Chinese students of Middle School age, it was discovered that no fewer than 637, or 86 per cent, had read most of the books on the shelves of these "libraries."

## ANALYSIS MADE

An analysis of 150 of these books revealed that they dealt with mystery, superstition and immodest situations. They had a simple style and the further attraction of profuse illustration. New booklets came out at regular intervals, generally being a rehash of the older takes. On the whole, their literary form was poor and mistakes in spelling and grammar abundant.

As a step toward meeting this problem, one Shanghai firm of booksellers had prepared booklets on Chinese history and patriotic themes, but it has been found that the cost of preparation of these booklets far exceeded that of the cheap type in general demand. The problem was a serious one in its effect upon developing reading tastes in the young, but on the other hand these bookstalls gave access to reading matter to a large section of the community that otherwise would be out of reach of it.

## THE GUESTS

Guests present were Dr. Y. H. Tsao, general secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Mr. Francis C. T. Wong, of the Shanghai Y's Men's Club, now secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and Mr. M. F. Hui, formerly president of the Kwangtung Provincial College of Education.



BRITAIN'S NEW  
FIGHTER PLANEDeadly Firepower Of  
Mark II Hurricanes

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Britain's new fighter plane, the Mark II Hurricane, not only has a vastly superior firepower to the famous earlier model but also that of the latest German single-seater, the new Messerschmitt-109.

This Nazi plane has only one large calibre gun, a 15 millimetre Mauser, but the Mark II Hurricane has four 20-millimetre cannons. Their alternative armament is 12 machine-guns. Mark I Hurricane had only eight machine-guns.

The firepower developed by either of the new armaments is obviously superior to that of the single gun on the German plane apart from the fact that the British cannon, having a larger calibre, is capable of greater penetration and by virtue of its higher muzzle velocity and larger mass with its ability to carry more useful explosive charge.

Added to this is the fact that the Mark II is equipped with the new Merlin engine with two-speed supercharger giving it a much higher ceiling, better rate of climb and greater top speed.

JAPANESE  
LAMENTGAIMUSHO ORGAN  
SOUNDS WARNING

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Declaring that Shanghai is the source of sensational Chungking-inspired news which is "mischievous and dangerous," the JAPAN TIMES & ADVERTISER organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, in an editorial this morning warns that "Japan will be justified in adopting measures for her own protection if advantage is taken of Shanghai's hospitality by protected facilities."

The paper complains particularly against "misinformation about the relations between the Soviet and Japan."

**DESTRUCTIVE INFLUENCES**  
The journal observes that while Shanghai itself maintains an objective attitude towards Far Eastern affairs, nevertheless, within the settlement and under the protection of extra-territoriality influences are at work which are destructive of the Pacific Peace Order.

"Although foreign correspondents for the most part endeavor to verify all reports that come to hand, the appetite abroad for sensational material, especially if it concerns Japan, is a forceful factor."

BROOKE-POPHAM  
IN RANGOONPresent Pacific Lull  
Not Time For Sleep

RANGOON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—The present temporary lull in this part of the world is not one for sleep, declared General Sir Brooke-Popham in an interview here.

Sir Brooke-Popham emphasized that lull, which is fortunate, should be utilized to obtain "full value from the time that is yet ours."

Sir Brooke-Popham is at present in Rangoon following an extensive tour by air of the road defenses of Burma.

**PAT IN THE BACK**

He "patted the back" of those responsible for the new aerodromes. Those he visited were well constructed and well planned while the roads were better than he anticipated. He emphasized that considerable improvements were still needed in defense works and training as such was necessary to have a deterrent effect on anyone thinking of attacking the country and thereby to ensure the peace and security of Burma.

**DIRECT EFFECT**

Sir Brooke-Popham emphasized that whatever happened outside Burma, it was in the end a direct effect on Burma.

What happens in China, for example, may directly affect her neighbors in this country. It is therefore up to Burma to do all that is possible to assist China and to do that we must extend outside Burma the sense and acts of co-operation that we have achieved within Burma.

"The more complete the preparations in Burma the less likely there would be of any attack on Burma. But I would not encourage anyone to the belief that we are in for a period of profound peace."

## FALL TO STREET

About 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, a woman Chan Chi accidentally fell into the street from her residence, No. 146 Johnston Road, second floor. She was rushed to Queen Mary Hospital.

## EVENING INSTITUTE

The prospectus of the Hongkong Evening Institute has been issued. For the session Oct. to June. The first term is from October to January next, and the second term from March to June.

## WOMEN ROBBED

Two Chinese women were held up by three robbers in broad daylight on Wednesday while walking at the foot of Mount Kellet. They were robbed of their gold finger rings, \$2.70 in cash and a gold wrist watch. The men escaped.

## PHOTO EXHIBITION

A very interesting photo exhibition by Mr. Johnson C. Wang entitled "War-time China" is being staged at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Rd. The collection of some hundreds of photos are divided in 33 sections.

Chan Chun-nam Sets New  
440 Yards Aquatic Mark

The 1941 COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS was given a good start at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday evening when the record for the men's 440 yards free-style was broken by 3.5 seconds by the Lai Tsun swimmer, CHAN CHUN-NAM.

MISS VIVIENNE CHURN, though she had practically no opposition, in winning by some 20 yards, was clocked at 3 mins. 11.5 secs. over 220 yards free-style.

Contrary to general expectations, only Chan Chun-nam bettered the existing Colony men's 440 yards free-style mark, Yau Sai-kwan, also of Lai Tsun, being 11.5 secs. off the record. The race was closely contested.

Detailed results are as follows:

## COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's 440 yards (free-style): 1. CHAN CHUN-NAM (11 mins. 15 secs.), 2. Yau Sai-kwan, 3. Lau Tai-ping; Women's 100 yards breast-stroke: 1. MISS LI PO-LUEN (88.2/5 secs.), 2. Miss Mo Mu-ling, 3. Miss Ho Wai-man; Men's 220 yards back-stroke: 1. W. LAWRENCE (2 mins. 56.1/5 secs.), 2. A. K. Runjahn, 3. Poon Wing-kai; Women's fancy diving: MISS J. ANDERSON; Women's 220 yards free-style: MISS V. CHURN (3 mins. 11.5/5 secs.), 2. Miss Celeste Gutteres, 3. Miss Ho Wai-ling; Men's 150 yards individual medley: 1. NG NIN, 2. Tsang Cheong-ming, 3. 60 Yards breast-stroke (junior):

ANTI-T.B.  
CLINICSREPORT FOR MONTH  
OF AUGUST

A record number of patients was attended during August, at the anti-T.B. Clinic at Tsimshatsui which has just completed its first full year in active service.

The Clinic, which like that run by the Maryknoll Mission sister-doctors at Kowloon City, is organized by the Anti-Tuberculosis Association handled 295 cases in August, made up of 202 re-visits and 93 new cases.

Of the 93 new cases, 61 were female, ranging in age from 67 to 5 years. Among other women patients were a dance hostess, down on her luck, a lady hairdresser, and an ARP warden.

The Tsimshatsui Clinic is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Dr. N. K. Law being in attendance on Thursdays and Dr. H. J. Shu who is in general charge, on the two other days.

The Kowloon City Clinic, at Kak Hang Tsun Road dealt with 132 cases during the month of which 43 of them being new. Eleven of the new cases were found on diagnosis to be positive T.B. Some of the patients came from the New Territories.

NEUTRALITY  
ACT REPEAL  
INDICATED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—It was strongly indicated in the Capitol yesterday that President Roosevelt will request the virtual repeal of the Neutrality Act next week. It is reported from the Capitol that Administration officials were thus urging the President and recommending also the elimination of provisions preventing United States ships from entering belligerent ports or "combat areas."

Predicting that the Neutrality Act will be amended in important respects, Senator Connally said that it might be completely repealed except that it carries some desirable provisions such as Government control over munitions exports.

The supposition that if American ships remain outside the combat zone they are free from attack has been proved illusory, said Senator Connally, citing the Robin Moor and the Greer as examples, and adding that "if the Nazis are to attack our ships wherever they are found there is no reason why we should continue to observe the combat areas."

"Under the law of nations, our ships have the right to go anywhere on the high seas," Senator Connally declared. The arming of American merchantmen was "desirable."

**PUBLIC STATEMENT?**  
There is no reason why President Roosevelt should not make public next week his decision to arm merchantmen and revise the Neutrality Act, Mr. Stephen Early, the President's Secretary, told the Press.

Mr. Early said that the White House had received no hints that a filibuster might be used by opponents in Congress to prevent revision of the Act.

BRITISH TANK  
PRODUCTION

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Throughout Britain tanks are rolling out for Soviet Russia. Hundreds and hundreds are being assembled and armed in a ceaseless flow. All previous records are being smashed.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Negotiations, it is reported, are proceeding between the authorities of three municipalities here regarding the termination of day light saving time.

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—The point of view of the Netherlands Government with regard to the resolution adopted by the Inter-Allied Conference in London yesterday on the subject of post-war feeding and relief in Europe was explained to Reuters by an authoritative Netherlands spokesman.

GENEVA, Sept. 25 (Central).—The funeral was held here on Monday for the late Chinese Minister to Poland, Dr. Wang King-ky who died of cancer in Geneva last month.

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—Restriction on sugar consumption in Japan next year will cease as the result of a 58 per cent increase in the country's sugar production in 1942 compared with this year, according to the Japan Sugar Association.

LONDON, Sept. 25 (BWS).—The exploratory discussions which have been taking place in Ceylon between a delegation from the Government of India and a delegation from the Government of Ceylon ended on Sept. 21.

LONDON, Sept. 25 (BWS).—Result of the Scarborough by-election was Mr. Spearman (Conservative) 12,518 votes, and Mr. Hipwell (Independent Democrat) 8,086.

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## KOWLOON CHESS CLUB DECISION

At the annual general meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club, held yesterday evening at the Peninsula Hotel, it was revealed that the Club Tournament this year would be run in four sections: Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Minor.

The Chairman (Rev. G. E. S. Updeil) paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr. A. D. Sequeira in whose untimely death last year the Club had lost a keen supporter and valuable member. Officers elected were: President, Rev. G. E. S. Updeil; Vice-President, B. D. Evans; Hon. Sec. A. Kurrik; Hon. Treas. A. Y. Blum; Koll. Committee: V. V. Kolatchoff, K. Weiss and A. C. Mitchell; Representatives on Colony Chess Championship Committee: A. Kurrik and B. D. Evans.

The variety concert arranged by Mr. Day & Kossick, on the behalf of the Sequeira Section of the Y.M.C.A., took place at the Sallor's and Seamen's Institute last night, before a large and appreciative audience.

## Round The Police Courts

## VI CENTRAL

## FALSE PRETENCES

Pleading guilty to obtaining money by false pretences on six occasions, Au Ho, 28, married, of 36 Ship Street, second floor, was sentenced by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday to three months' imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

It was stated that defendant pretended to be able to find employment for some women in the Fung Keng Rubber Factory at Shaikwan and thus induced them to part with various sums of money as a remuneration for her services.

Sergeant J. Bentley presented

## CONFISCATION ORDERS

The relentless Police drive against opium and heroin divans is evidenced by the confiscation of 24 heroin pipes, 17 opium pipes, 62 opium lamps and a quantity of pills and opium, the result of raids carried out in the Wanhsai district on 14 addresses.

The order was made by Mr. Sheldon.

## ALLEGED PICKPOCKET

Lam Sin-sang, 30, ship attendant, was remanded by Mr. Sheldon to Oct. 7 at 2.30 p.m. to answer a charge for attempting to steal \$171 on board a bus.

The complainant is Lum Shun, 39, a building contractor.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence and bail was allowed in the sum of \$100.

## SHANKS COMMITTED

William Shanks, manager of the States Underwear Manufacturing Co., was committed to stand trial at the Criminal Sessions by Mr. Sheldon on three charges of offering bribes to Humphrey John Crutwell, Assistant Controller of Trade.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the defendant, while Mr. F. W. Shahtain, A.D.C.I. (Criminal) prosecuted.

Evidence was given by Mr. H. J. Crutwell, Mr. Shahtain and Sgt. Wandrom.

Defendant stated that he would reserve his defence for the Sessions.

## COMMON ASSAULT

Chan Sang, charged before Mr. Sheldon with common assault and possession of a knife for an unlawful purpose, was remanded in custody and to be placed under medical observation for one week.

Complainant is Mah Tze-ying, 49, a compositor, of No. 159 Lockhart Road.

Defendant had one previous conviction for larceny.

## FALSE DECLARATIONS

Wong Ka-wah, 22, manager of the Nanking Drug Store was brought before Mr. G. T. Lowry on six charges of making false declarations on export permits.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours.

Mr. Hui-shing Lo appeared for the defendant and Sgt. Johnston prosecuted.

## AT KOWLOON

## LARCENY BY SERVANT

Wong Fuk-chuen, 20, shop loker, 82, Des Voeux Road Central, charged before Mr. H. C. Maclennan with stealing \$95 from his master, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

## ASSAULTED BUS CONDUCTOR

Charged with assaulting Chan Cheong, bus conductor, at 1.45 p.m. on Sept. 24, Chan Wah, 28, appeared before Mr. Maclennan and was fined \$10.

## SKATING RINK BRAWL

Hearing of the skating rink brawl, in which five Europeans and two Chinese are charged, was further adjourned and will be heard on Sept. 30 at 2.30 p.m. before Mr. Maclennan.

A warrant for the arrest of fourth defendant, J. J. Gomes, and the seventh defendant, Ho Tong, for failing to appear in the Court yesterday, was issued.

## SEAMAN FINED

Lam Tsui, 29, seaman on a British ship, appeared before Major A. N. Macpherson, charged with conveying five large packages of books and magazines into the Colony by a means than the Post and having same unmanifested. Accused who was on \$500 bail, was fined \$75 on both charges.

## D. O. SOUTH

A drive carried out by the police on unlicensed hawkers in Tsun Wan and Cheung Chau Island on Wednesday resulted in bail amounting to \$22.50 being extracted by Mr. S.F. Balfour.

Some 15 men and women in all had been charged, the majority of whom did not put in an appearance at Court.

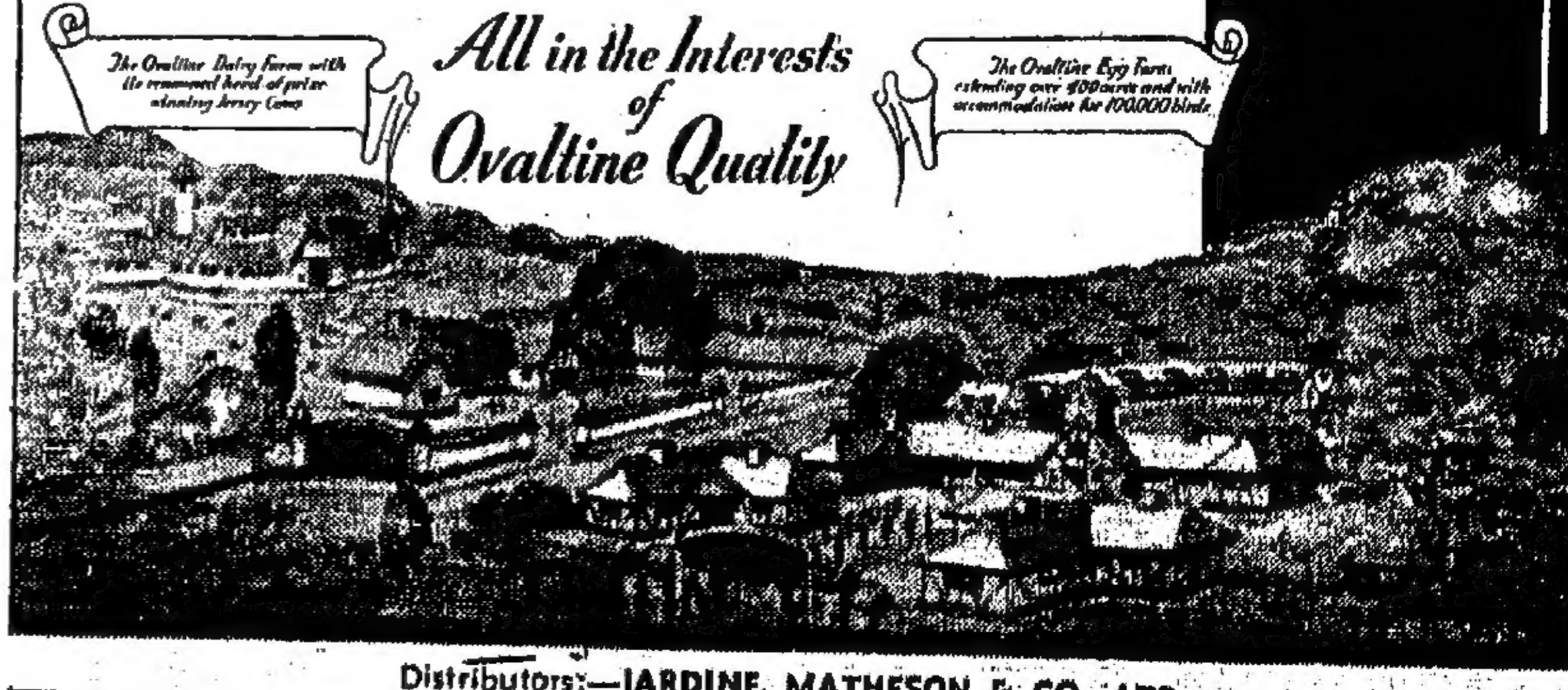
## MARINE COURT

Mak Pik-yan, fold in charge of a trading junk, was fined a sum of \$7 by Cmdr. T. C. Stiff having failed to produce his licence when called upon to do so by a police officer.

TRIPARTITE PACT  
ANNIVERSARY

TOKYO, Sept. 25 (Reuters).—One of the official functions of Saturday, in observance of the first anniversary of the signing of the tripartite alliance, will be a luncheon by Admiral Toyoda, Foreign Minister, to Axis officials in Tokyo, according to the Japanese news agency.

Supporting Admiral Toyoda will be officials of the Army, Navy and Foreign Office.

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## CHINESE-GERMAN DICTIONARY

The Chinese Department of the Society of German Engineers is at present engaged in editing a Chinese-German dictionary, which will also include all important modern technical terms and words. The first volume of this lexicon is already published the editor being Dr. H. Wilhelm of Peking (H.D.V.).

## HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Sept. 25:—

Cerebro-Spinal Fever, two cases; Cholera, three cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, 11 cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Tuberculosis, 29 cases; Typhus Fever, one case.

## COMING EVENTS

SEPT

26—Tides: High 1.09 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.; Low 7.54 a.m. and 7.17 p.m.  
Sunrise: 7.13 a.m.; Sunset: 7.16 p.m.  
H.K. Badminton Association annual meeting, S.C.M.P. Board Room, 5.15 p.m.  
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis

Lecture: Dr. F. C. Yen on Chinese Women in Wartime, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Photograph Exhibition, Chinese Y.M.C.W.

Violin Recital by Prof. Susan Ma, Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, First Aid, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Wartime Intercession Service, St. Andrew's Church, 6.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Lecture: meeting of H.K. Midwives' Assn., Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

27—Tides: High 1.58 a.m. &amp; 4.04 p.m.; Low 9.04 a.m. &amp; 7.54 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.14 a.m.; Sunset: 7.15 p.m.

K.C.C. Band Concert, Barbican, Dance in Aid of Bomber Fund, 9.15 p.m.

Seventh Extra Race Meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Practice, King's Park, 4.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls League Matches, 7 p.m.

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Annual Meeting of Students' Association, Northcote Training College, Hall 2 p.m.

Conference of Churches, Dr. Ullrich's House, Kowloon Hospital, 3 p.m.

28—Tides: High 3.02 a.m. &amp; 5.27 p.m.; Low 10.34 a.m. &amp; 9.36 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.14 a.m.; Sunset: 7.14 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, West Lounge, 9 p.m.

Open Pairs, Semi-Finals, Kowloon, F.C.C., 4 p.m.

Government Inter-Dept. Bowls Tournaments, Police R.C., 4.30 p.m.

## MAN HUNT

The "chase" has long been a favorite method of highlighting motion pictures but it remained for 20th Century Fox to inject new life and meaning into the "chase" in its latest thriller, "Man Hunt," starring Walter Pidgeon and Joan Bennett, which is currently at the King's Theatre.

Walter Pidgeon considers his "Man Hunt" role his finest. Vigorous and exciting he is on the quarry end of the longest "chase" in film history.

Unquestionably this is also one of the best roles in the glamorous career of beautiful Joan Bennett, who as the "girl out of the shadows," doffs her familiar sophistication and appears as an elemental woman fighting single-handed against tremendous odds for the man she loves.

John Carradine and Roddy McDowall, who complete the outstanding featured cast, add immeasurably to the dramatic value of "Man Hunt."

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1 Committee of experts, 5 Recently sunk Italian cruiser, 9 Tag, 12 Sheltered side, 13 Felted, 14 Note of the Guido scale, 15 Obscure, 17 Perfect, 19 Man's name, 20 Unclosed, 21 Piece of turf, 23 Golf club (pl), 24 Afresh, 25 Brag, 26 Court of appeal (abbr), 28 Pine family tree, 29 Fabric resembling satin, 30 Male descendant, 31 Symbol for calcium, 32 To set firmly, 33 Taunt, 34 Severe spasmodic pain in the abdomen, 35 South Africans of Dutch descent, 36 Rouse from sleep, 38 Tempo, 39 Sign, 40 West Indian aquatic mammal, 43 Coin of Norway, 44 Share, 46 Rond, 47 Footlike organ, 48 Opera whose locale is Egypt, 49 Worthless leavings.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service 4 Intercession 12.30 New Dance Music Fox-Trot - Clap Your Hands On The Alter Beat, Time And Time Again, Bob Chester and His Organ, Rumba Fox-Trot - My Marguerite (El Charro), To-Night (Perfidia) Ruby Newman & His Orchestra, Fox-Trot - Sand In My Shoes (From Illa Kiss The Boys Goodbye), Don't Cry, Charlie Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye, Conga Sensemaya, Bolero Dance, De-Tus-Rosas (Give Me Your Roses) Oscar De La Rosa and His Orchestra, Fox-Trot - Groggins on My Mind, Artie Shaw and His Orchestra, 1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary, 1.02 Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony and Donny Dennis (Vocal), Thrill Me, You Whistle - Selection, Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony, Only Forever (Burke-Monaco) Denny Dennis with Novachord, Sweethearts - Selection (Wright-Forrest-Herbert), Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony, To Mary, With Love (Gordon and Revel), Here's Love In Your Eyes (From film The Big Broadcast of 1937) - Robin-Rainey, Denny Dennis with Orch. Maygor Melody - Selection, Louis Levy & His Orchestra, 1.30 Radio and Rugby Press and Announcements, 1.45 Mendelssohn Concerto in F Minor, Op. 64, 1st Mov. Allegro molto appassionato, 2nd Mov. Andante, 3rd Mov. Allegretto non troppo - Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The State Opera Orch. 2.15 Close Down, 6.00 Indian Programmes, 6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations, 6.47 Film Selections, "Roberta" - Selection - The New Mayfair Orchestra, "Sweet Adeline" - Selection, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" - Reginald Foot (Organ), Swing Time - Selection - Intro, Pick Yourself Up: A Fine Romance - Neyer Gonna Dance, Bolangies of Harlem, The Way You Look Tonight, A Waltz in Swingtime - Gerald and His Romance in Rhythm Orch. 7.15 Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye, Dinah, After You've Gone, Nobody's Sweetheart, St. Louis Blues, Some of These Days, Four Hands On A Piano (Moreton and Kaye), Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chasol), Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 18 - Intro, Don't Worry 'Bout Me, Our Love, You Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By, 7.30 Portuguese Programme, 8.00 London Relay - The News, 8.15 London Relay - War Commentary, 8.25 London Relay - Listening Post, Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda, 8.30 Programme Summary, 8.32 Plantation Songs, Plantation Songs - Intro: So Early In The Morning, Carry Me Back To Old Virginia, Old Folks At Home, Good Night Ladies, Away Down South In Dixie, Poor Old Joe, Oh, Susanna, My Old Kentucky Home - Paul Robinson (Bass) with Orchestra, 8.41 Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra, Manhattan Serenade (Aller), Manhattan Moonlight (Aller), Metropolitan Nocturne, Manhattan Masquerade (Aller), 9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements, 9.02 An Hour Of Classical Requests, Intermezzo (From Cavalleria Rusticana) - Mascagni, Suite Opera Orchestra, One Fine Day (From Madam Butterfly) Act 2 (Puccini), Rosita Pampunini (Soprano) with Orch. Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms), Boston Promenade (Oren), Woman Is Fickle (From "Hijoletto") Act 3, Verdi, O Sole Mio (Capua) - Enrico Caruso (Tenor) w/Orchestra, The "Sleeping Beauty" Waltz (Tchaikovsky), Royal Opera Orchestra, Crystal Garden, Sonata in C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight") - Beethoven, Egon Petri (Piano Solo), Romance In F Flat, Op. 44 No. 1 (Rachmaninoff), The New Light Symphony Orchestra, (In The Factum) (From The Barber of Seville) - Rossini, Dennis Noble (Baritone) with Orch. Serenade (Toselli) Albert Sandler & His Orchestra, 9.45 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only), 9.45 Classical Requests (Continued), Solange Song (From "Peer Gynt") Grieg, Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano, Wine Women and Song Waltz (Strauss), Marek Weber and His Orchestra, Jerusalem, (Blake and Dr. Purry), The B.B.C. Choir in Christ Church w/Organ, 10.00 London Relay - The News Commentary, 10.15 A Dance Programme, Fox-Trot - Oh! Biddy, I'm In Love, Quick-Step - You Say The Sweetest Things, Baby (From film "Tin Pan Alley"), Charlie Kunz (Piano) and His Ballroom Orchestra, Fox-Trot - The Hot Cavetto, The Holmgr Schottische - Paul Whiteman's Four Modernaires, Tangos - Amapola (Pretty Little Poppy), A Luz De La Luna (By The Light Of The Moon) - Harry Horlick and His Orchestra, Fox-Trot - Rhythm Of The Waves (From film "Ti We Meet Again"), Kanehe Hula-Hula, Ray Kinney and His Hawaiian Musical Ambassadors, Fox-Trot - Little Sally Water, Love Gave Me You - Al Cooper and His Savoy Sultans, Swing Fox-Trot - All The Things You Are, Brother Jackie (From Jacques) - Hatchell's Swinfette, Waltzes, Nights Of Gladness, The Characters, Mantovani and His Orchestra, 11.00 London - "Makers Of History" 11.15 Close Down.

## A.R.P. ORDERS

SEPTEMBER 24, 1941

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

### HONORARY WARDENS

The following Honorary Appointment has been awarded in recognition of the valuable assistance rendered to the A.R.P. Organisation in the Colony of Hongkong:—Mr. V. M. Barradas to be Honorary Divisional Warden.

### STRENGTH DECREASE

The following Wardens have been permitted to resign:—Upper Levels: Deputy Divisional Warden V. M. Barradas, Eastern; Deputy Divisional Warden E. O'Neill Shaw, Central; 3772 Miss Cheng Kwok-ying, Shamshuipo; 1263 B. S. W. Yau, Kowloon; Quarry Bay - Deputy District Warden Fong Chung-man.

The following Wardens have been struck off the strength:—Hung Hom - 2842 Lai Ip-tze, Central - 1441 Chow Kang-moon.

The following Warden has been dismissed:—Central - 2823 Lo Koon-lin.

### APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified with effect from Sept. 24, Kowloon City - Deputy Divisional Warden Ho Chok-nan (who reverts to the rank of District Warden at his own request) to be District Warden "C"; Warden 2122 Jerome Law to be District Warden posted to Kowloon City Report Centre, Kowloon Headquarters - Deputy District Wardens Mrs. C. M. Bird to be District Warden, Warden 4190 O. P. Vagnone to be Deputy District Warden, Warden 7283 B. W. Jerakoff to be Deputy District Warden.

### PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from Sept. 23, Kowloon Headquarters - Wardens 2695 (T) and 2697 (T) the Misses M. and G. Maxwell to be Senior Wardens (T), Central - 4158 Solomon Rafeek to be Group Warden, Yau-mat - To be Group Warden 2246 D. G. W. Leung Sau-him, To be Deputy Group Wardens, 2214 S. W. Cheung Chan-wo and 2271, Po Kam-chor, To be Deputy Senior Wardens - 1290 Wong Ying-kit, 2610 Wong Che-keung, 3011 Leung Kwok-tung, 3410 Yu Kam-ky, Eastern - To be Deputy Group Wardens 687 S. W. Miss Kwong Kim-hing, 94 S. W. Lee Shing-hon, To be Senior Wardens, Deputy Senior Warden 710 Miss Lo Hing-man, 788 Yeung Yuk-ming, 3527 Yeung Chi-fai, To be Deputy Senior Wardens, 841 Koo Chiu-cheuk, 678 Miss Chan Kong-lan, 882 Miss Lau Luk-ying, 1270 Hong Chung-kit, 1849 Li Wing-keung, 2488 Chan Min-cheuk, 3215 Miss Mak Wai-fan, 3277 Yeung Kwun-tok.

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# POST-WAR NEEDS OF LIBERATED COUNTRIES DISCUSSED AT INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE

## Atlantic Charter Principles Endorsed By Small Nations

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The Inter-Allied Conference unanimously affirmed as a common aim that supplies of food and materials will be made available for the post-war needs of the countries liberated from Nazi oppression.

M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, afterwards proposed the following resolution: "The Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia and representatives of General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, having taken note of the declaration recently drawn up by the President of the U.S.A. and the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr. Winston Churchill, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, now make known their adherence to the common principles of policy set forth in the declaration and their intention to co-operate to the best of their ability in giving effect to them."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, explained that expressed the earnest hope to see the preamble to the resolution, trade barriers removed and disarmed no mention of His Majesty's Government in the International Government of the United Nations. A serious effort would be made to nations and South Africa because that end for the ultimate benefit these governments were already of all.

Dr. van Kieffens said that on Mr. Eden's behalf the Belgian Government expressed the general aim which they were fighting. It was his conviction that approval of the Atlantic Charter because it was by the Allied Council of the declaration would add greatly to its far to advance a better international order which would bring to all countries international and national security and prosperity.

### CORRECT PROCESS

M. Jan Masaryk, the Czech Foreign Minister, accepting the resolution on behalf of Czechoslovakia said that the Czechoslovakians who occupied Hitler and were enjoying the hospitality of Britain were stirred by the meeting of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. The eight points were equally important in their political and economic significance. They were the correct process in achieving a better world for our children after the final victory.

Any hope of agreement with Nazi Germany and vulgarising goose-stepping Prussianism was a futile dream. Only after the destruction of this could we establish peace that all men in all lands would live out their lives in freedom from fear and want. Even when the total disarmament of nations who periodically resorted to aggression to attain political aggrandisement was accomplished, the defensive position of nations who, like Czechoslovakia, had for long been victims of aggression would have to be considered.

### FUTURE STRUCTURE

M. Masaryk continued: "Within the future economic structure of the world as outlined by the Churchill-Roosevelt Declaration, small nations like Czechoslovakia, by access to their fair share of raw materials, will be given an opportunity as equals to reconstruct in co-operation with their neighbours quickly and permanently their devastated economic life. The Czechoslovakia government are more than ever convinced that the closer co-operation between Britain and America the greater will be the future safety of those who today have taken up arms against the common foe."

M. Masaryk hoped that the co-operation would be particularly quick in giving all possible assistance to Soviet Russia.

On behalf of Greece, M. Tsouderos approved the resolution. Mr. Joseph Bech, for Luxembourg, said his government gave adherence to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

"Today the whole world knows that the great English-speaking democracies are jointly pledged to the final destruction of Nazi tyranny."

The declaration had brought renewed encouragement to resistance by oppressed peoples.

### NETHERLANDS

Dr. E. N. van Kieffens, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations" in Point 4 of the Atlantic Charter (dealing with equal access to trade and materials) appeared to be in the nature of reservation.

Existing obligations should not be perpetuated if they would seriously impair or diminish the effect of rule. At the end of the last war the same principle found solemn expression in almost identical terms, he said, and they all knew what became of it when the snowball of protection was set rolling until it became so large that it was a serious obstacle in the path of international trade.

## BULGARIA QUIET

### MINISTER DENIES AMERICAN REPORT

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—All is quiet in Bulgaria, declared the Bulgarian Minister of the Interior, M. Grabowski, addressing foreign journalists in Sofia yesterday, states a Sofia dispatch to the official German news agency.

The Minister stressed that as a partner in the Three-Power Pact, Bulgaria stood on the side of the Axis Powers politically and ideologically.

He denied American reports that in the near future Bulgaria would enter the war against the Soviet Union to establish a protectorate in the Crimea, control the Black Sea and participate in the exploitation of the Caucasian oil wells.

Eulogizing he added, had no aggressive intentions against anyone and was not being pressed.

## Air Marshals Awarded C.B.

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Flying Officers who direct Britain's air operations in the Middle East—the Western Desert, Mediterranean and Iraq—are included in the list of R.A.F. awards issued yesterday.

The 112 names include three officers and two non-commissioned officers in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Air Marshal Roy Maxwell Drummond, Deputy Air Officer and Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East Headquarters, and Air Vice Marshal John Henry Dalbiel, Air Officer Commanding in Iraq, become Companions of the Order of Bath.

land would not be allowed to emerge from the war with reduced territory but would see that her frontiers assured an economic development worthy of the numbers of her population. He endorsed very strongly the fundamental principles of the Atlantic Charter.

## TERRIFIC STRUGGLE FOR LENINGRAD: HEAVY LOSSES INFLECTED ON THE NAZIS

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The terrific struggle for Leningrad and the ebb and flow of the opposing armies was described yesterday in both Berlin and Moscow broadcasts.

The Germans, in claiming the capture of a "fair-sized" town, refer to hard house-to-house fighting before the city and the "tenacious resistance" of the city's defenders.

The capture of further sections of Leningrad's defences, figures in the German claims, which speak of the taking of strong Soviet field positions and putting out of action a number of Soviet pill-boxes with heavy losses for the enemy.

On the Russian side, the Red STAR states that in the battles of the bridges to Leningrad the German attacks have been repulsed and the Russians have inflicted heavy losses in a series of counter attacks.

According to a field dispatch one such counter-attack developed into a battle which raged throughout Tuesday. Soviet troops forced the 126th German Infantry Division to roll back, capturing fortified positions.

"COSSACK TANKS" The Germans then brought tanks into action, supported by infantry, but were compelled to retreat, leaving the battlefield strewn with the corpses of German soldiers.

In another sector on the south-eastern approaches to the city, the Germans drove a wedge into the Russian defences but were forced to retreat by "Russian Cossack tanks," which are mentioned for the first time.

Heavy losses are claimed to have been inflicted on the 138th and 137 German Alpine Regiments during an attack by German and Finnish troops on the Murmansk front.

"Between September 8 and 16, German troops lost 2,000 men in killed alone," states the newspaper, which adds that all attacks were repulsed.

### EFFECTIVE WORK

The effective work of the Soviet Fleet Air Arm finds a place in yesterday's Soviet broadcasts. A supplement to the Soviet communiqué states that the Soviet Baltic Fleet Air Arm during Monday brought down 13 enemy planes and destroyed ten more on enemy aerodromes.

At the approaches to Leningrad, Soviet Fleet Air Arm bombers destroyed two German anti-aircraft batteries, 11 anti-aircraft and machine-gun emplacements, 14 armoured cars and eight guns. The Black Sea Fleet Air Arm destroyed 11 enemy planes on their aerodromes.

The supplement also refers to bold attacks on German troops by a guerrilla detachment operating in the Odessa district.

### BRITISH PLANES

VICHY, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—"Squadrons" of British planes are now participating in the defence of Leningrad, according to a Stockholm dispatch to a Vichy news agency.

With the aid of British aircraft, the dispatch says, the Russian Air Force has caused serious losses to the Germans. The Russian Fleet is also helping the Leningrad defenders.

German movement on this front has been greatly hampered by rain, and in addition the nights are intensely cold.

On the former Estonian islands of Desol and Dagoo, Russian troops are still fiercely resisting attacks by Nazi planes, parachutists and infantry.

## One Killed In Standard Oil Company Explosion

WHITING (Indiana), Sept. 25 (Reuter).—All available firemen and police were rushed to the scene after an explosion and fire occurred in the Standard Oil Company factory here.

One man is reported to have been killed and several others injured.

The fire spread to dozens of oil storage tanks in a region almost a mile long. Concern is expressed over the possibility that the "agitator plant," which is the storage place for highly volatile fuels, may explode.

The flames were visible for many miles.

## Gen. Wavell In London: Talks With Churchill, Dill

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—It is understood that General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of India, has been on a visit to London where he had conversations with the Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and other high British military officials.

It is understood that the object of his visit was to discuss various problems arising out of the situation in Russia and the Middle East.

General Wavell came by air and has now returned.

## Switzerland Loses Trade Facilities

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—It was officially stated yesterday that "in view of the commercial agreement recently signed between Switzerland and Germany the British Government is no longer able to continue the limit of facilities hitherto accorded for passage through the blockade and across enemy territory of materials for Swiss industry."

"The Government, however, appreciates the difficulties of Switzerland's position and will continue to give facilities within reasonable limits for import into Switzerland of foodstuffs and fodder and certain other goods exclusively destined for domestic consumption."

Official circles declared that the move was not an act of retaliation but simply recognition of the state of affairs which exists through no fault of the Swiss or Britain.

It is believed that the Swiss understand the position.

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LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—Sir Dalibha Merwanjee, former Commissioner for India in London, left estate in England valued at £5,000.

BOMBAY, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Government of India is considering the reduction of import duty on wheat at the earliest possible moment.

LONDON, Sept. 25 (Reuter).—The British Red Cross has allocated £250,000 to deal with the immediate needs of Russia and Britain's other allies. Lord Duffe, Chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, is issuing a special appeal to meet the urgent needs of the Polish Army and Czechoslovak Legion being formed on Russian soil.

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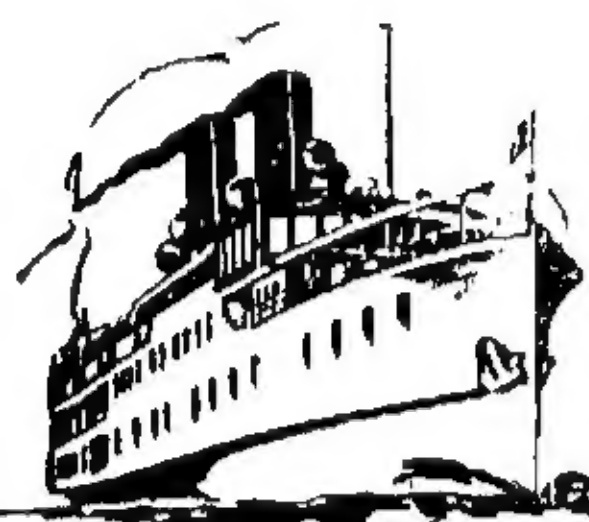
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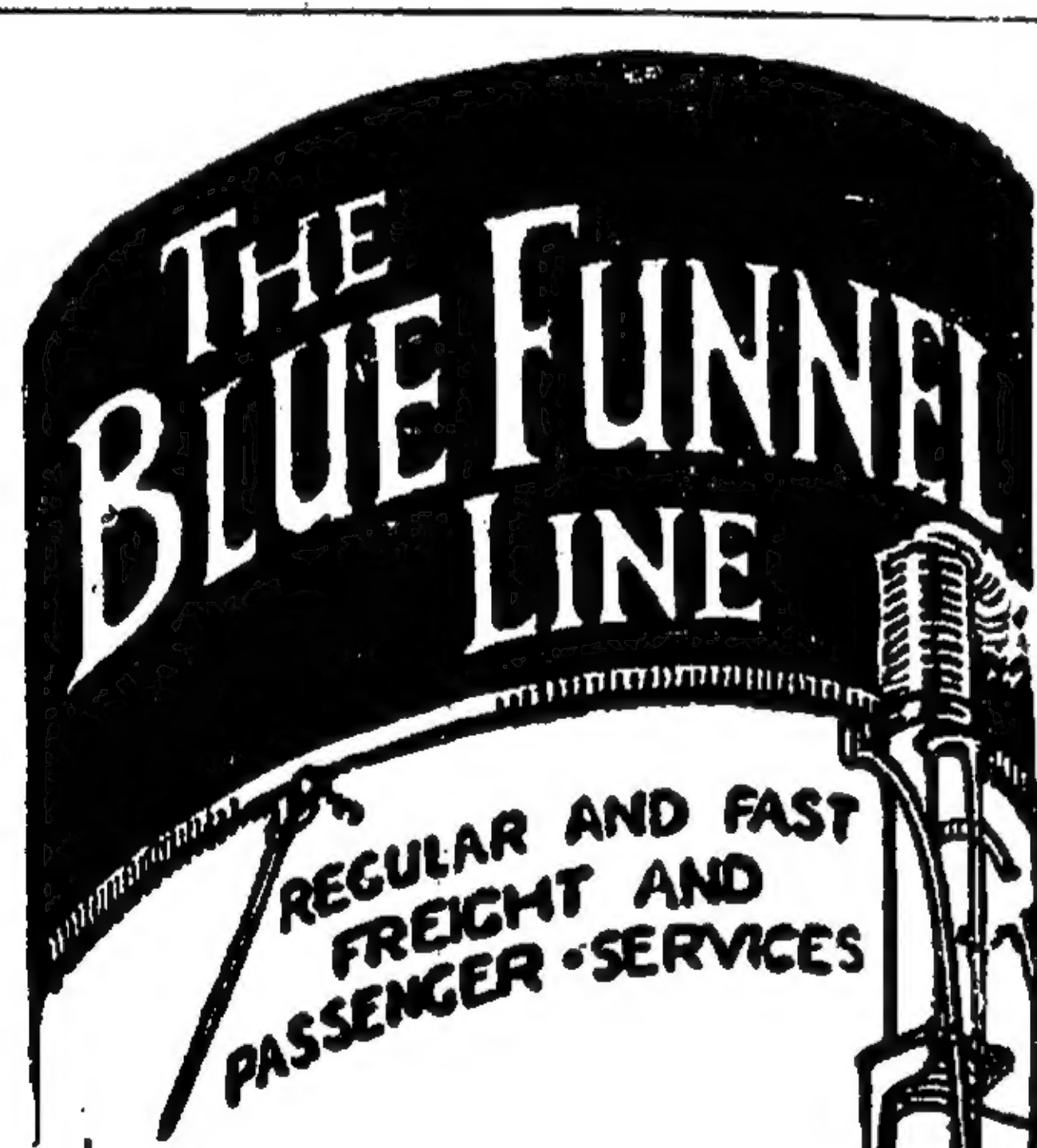
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## INCREASED CLIPPER SERVICE

A Sikorsky S-42 Clipper, which Pan American Airways plans to operate twice between Hongkong and Manila, if permission is granted by the Civil Aeronautics Board of the United States Government, left San Francisco on Sept. 23 en route to Manila. It is anticipated that the twice-weekly service will

be operated between Hongkong and Manila exclusively by the Sikorsky S-42 Clipper.

If plans are approved Pan American Airways will then divert all of the Boeing and Martin Clippers direct to Singapore. This will give Singapore weekly service and Clippers will depart Singapore for Manila every Wednesday and depart Manila for the United States every Friday.

## A.R.P. Inquiry

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Did you send in a written application?—I applied personally and also sent in a written application. Did you apply for a licence after you got the contract from Marsman's?—Oh no. We applied for the licences as soon as we started business in June, 1939.

And the Police refused to grant you the licences?—Yes.

After you had that magnificent contract from Marsman's, did you apply to the Police for a licence?—No.

How much have you made out of Marsman's contract?—Up to July this year, we made a little over \$21,000 excluding bonus to be paid to the coolies.

### NOT GO-BETWEEN

A statement has been made to the Commission that you act only as go-between for Ho and a firm of contractors, and that you were paid a large sum of money for that?—No, I am a partner of the firm.

And that the fictitious firm of Oriental Transportation Co was formed to get the contract from Marsman's?—No.

And that through your connexion the contract was given by Marsman's to Ho?—No.

And that you made \$20,000 for your work as a go-between?—No.

When witness was noticed to be laughing, the Chairman asked her what the joke was. The interpreter informed the Commission that witness considered the allegation that she made \$20,000 as a go-between as a joke.

Chairman—And is this a joke? The statement had also been made that you paid \$10 extra to each of the checkers at the tunnels in order to get them to check up more muck as having been transported by the Oriental Transportation Co?—That is not true.

### AT CHEAP RATE

And that all that the so-called Oriental Transportation Co had done since they got Marsman's contract was to engage private lorries at a cheap rate and charged Marsman's double for the work?—That is not so. This company was in existence long before we received the contract from Marsman's for removing muck.

How much did you receive from Marsman's for removing muck?—In all, \$270,000 or so up to date. And on that you only made \$20,000? That is so.

Is the \$10,000 you put in still intact?—We have already withdrawn it from the firm. You put it in the bank?—Regarding my own, I have paid it back to my mother.

Mr. Bellamy (to witness)—In view of the fact that you had no lorries, were you not surprised when you received the letter asking you to tender for the transportation of muck?—No, because we have been doing business for Marsman's.

Chairman—For how long?—We have been doing work for Marsman's for a long time. We did the transportation work for Marsman's when they built the two godowns for the Kowloon Godowns.

What year was that?—1939 or 1940.

Witness was then informed by the Chairman that that would be all for the day but that further evidence would be taken from her at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

### MORNING'S SESSION

Lo Hok-pul, a P. W. D. foreman, was the first witness called yesterday morning. He produced the books asked for by the Commission on Wednesday, recording the number of workmen engaged by the sub-contractors on the tunnelling job in Kowloon from Sept. 20, 1940, to date. Witness added that the entries in the books were made by all three foremen.

In reply to the Chairman, witness said that the number of workmen employed on the various sites were entered but their names and rates of pay were not. The total number of workmen employed since the beginning of the job could be obtained by adding up all the numbers in the books.

The amount of work done by each man per day would be entered in the morning reports which were made out by the No. 1 foreman, Mr. George Tsang, after he had checked over the work done. It was not possible, said witness, to put down more work than had actually been done due to the existence of a plan of the site. Furthermore, they would never be so dishonest.

### DID NOT KNOW

In reply to the Chairman, and Mr. Bellamy, witness said that he did not know the arrangements regarding payment made by Kin Lee with the sub-contractors nor

## FIRE BRIGADE OFFICER CHARGED: DEMANDING \$200 WITH MENACES

Committal proceedings against JACKIE HAU, 40, Chinese Sub-Officer attached to the Central Fire Brigade, and HAU HUNG, 26, both charged with demanding \$200 from LEE LAI-KUEN, married woman, with menaces, commenced before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistrate's.

Second defendant is also charged with impersonating a Police officer.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for first defendant and Det. Sgt. D. G. MacPherson prosecuted.

It was alleged that on Aug. 31 first accused, having been granted leave, together with second accused, visited the complainant's premises at No. 85 Tai-po Road. The Lees were not in and first defendant told the folks that he was sent by the Fire Brigade to make investigations as they had received information that there was some dangerous drugs on the premises.

### MISTRESS TOLD

It happened that one of the folks went out to make some purchases and met his mistress in the street and told her about the matter. On her return, it was alleged, Jackie Hau demanded \$200 to which she refused to give on the ground that her husband was absent.

Meanwhile, Tsang Ying, husband of complainant, was contacted, but before returning home he reported to Shamshulpo Police Station and

between the latter and their workmen.

When Li Lin-shing, another P. W. D. foreman, was asked by the Chairman whether he had produced the books asked for on the previous day he informed the Commission that the books produced by the previous witness were also used by him and the other foreman. Asked whether he had any more attendance books, witness replied in the negative.

### A REMINDER

Cheng Fung-tung, employed by Government to check all vouchers in connexion with the tunnelling work in Kowloon, was reminded by the Chairman that on the previous day he informed the Commission that he did not believe he missed checking any goods delivered. On his replying in the affirmative, witness was handed a file by the Chairman and asked to look through the file.

After witness had admitted that the first four vouchers had not been initialled by him he was informed by the Chairman that there were dozens of vouchers which did not bear his initials. Witness explained this by saying that he forgot to do so.

Chairman—But you are paid to check the vouchers?—Yes. You are a Government representative in Kin Lee and are supposed to check the vouchers.—I forget to initial them but I checked them as you may see by my handwriting.

Asked why if he could check them he could not take the trouble of putting his initials.—F. T. C.—on them, witness stated that he might have been too busy as the vouchers were received in bundles and that there were so many at one time. He did tell Mr. Buchanan about this pressure of work but did not ask for assistance.

### CHECK VOUCHERS

Witness was then asked whether he, being the Government man on the spot, was supposed to check the vouchers, and initial them after which they would be presented to Mr. Buchanan for his initials before presentation to Government for payment. On his replying that Mr. Buchanan asked for explanations of every item before initialling them and that he, witness, had to take them to Mr. Buchanan and go through the items with him, the Chairman told the interpreter: "Tell witness that we intend to call Mr. Buchanan. So be careful of his answers."

Witness insisted that he took all the vouchers to Mr. Buchanan's office in Marsman's offices and explained every one of them to that gentleman. When asked by the Chairman whether Mr. Buchanan was employed by the P. W. D. or by Marsman's, witness replied by the P. W. D. but that he had an office in Marsman's offices in the Hongkong Bank Building.

### GROSS NEGLIGENCE

At the conclusion of his evidence, the Chairman addressing witness said: I suggest to you that you have grossly neglected to do your duty; that the Commission do not believe for a moment that you went through every one

of the vouchers with Mr. Buchanan, that you have told us a series of lies; and that by your neglect to do your duty Government have been led to pay more than they should have.

Li Man-shing, sole proprietor of the Lee Man-shing firm of sub-contractors, said that he started the firm "several tens of years ago" with a capital of \$80 to \$100, and that he did not know how much the capital is now worth.

In reply to the Chairman, witness stated that he had three other younger brothers but that none of them are partners in his firm. Two of the brothers are in the country.

Witness stated that he did not know the Union Express Construction Co. In reply to another question, he said that he knew Kwong Wing and his wife but had never been to No. 207, Jaffe Road. His work in the Kowloon tunnels consisted of concrete lining for the tunnels.

### NO INTIMATE CONNEXION

Witness denied that there was any intimate connexion between his firm and the Union Express Construction Co., Kwong Wing and Ah Ding. Asked for the reason for Mr. Kwong signing his accounts, witness said that that gentleman was the brother of Kwong Wing and was the auditor employed by Kwong Wing's note-paper but admitted using Kin Lee's explaining, at the same time, that after his work had been measured up by Kin Lee that firm would make out a statement which he would be expected to copy out. Instead of doing so, went on witness, he would chop Kin Lee's bill.

Witness was next questioned respecting his two motorcars.—No, 599, which he bought for \$200, and No. 60 for which he paid over \$700—which, it was alleged, he permitted the Government foremen to use. He denied that George Tsang had the full use of the cheaper car but admitted that he often gave Tsang and the other foremen lifts to the different sites.

His firm, said witness, was also sub-contractors to the Tung Shan Co., but he did not know who the partners were.

### TOTAL VALUE

Witness was then asked what was the total value of the A. R. P. contract he got from Kin Lee. Witness.—Up to now about \$50,000.

Chairman.—\$50,000? And it may even go up to \$100,000?—Yes, sir. You can take it from this Commission that it won't. Now you can remember the value of the contract yet you cannot remember the capital of your company?—About \$10,000.

How did you suddenly remember that—in half-an-hour?—You have just asked what is the capital of my firm. Now I am referring to the capital I have invested in the A. R. P. I am doing for Kin Lee. Witness went on to explain that the capital was in the form of what Kin Lee owed his firm for work done. Asked by the Chairman for what part of the work, witness said that he had never been paid in full by Kin Lee but had a sort of running account with that firm. Asked whether

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1941.

The public is reminded that

1. No person shall send any Christmas, New Year or other greeting card by post to any destination outside this Colony unless—(a) the cover, if any, is unsealed and clearly marked with the words "Greeting Card"; (b) the cover, if addressed to a destination outside the British Empire, contains nothing but a printed card, with the addition only of the sender's name and address.
2. Any greeting card posted in breach of any of the provisions of this order may be destroyed or disposed of in such manner as the Censor may direct.

Parcel Post Service to Japan is temporarily suspended.

The public is reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th September. 27th Sept.  
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 30th September. 7th Oct.

## OUTWARD AIR MAILS

FRIDAY, 26th SEPT.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O.	Reg.	4.00 PM	G.P.O.	Reg.	4.00 PM
K.P.O.	Ord.	4.30 PM	G.P.O.	Ord.	4.30 PM

SATURDAY, 27th SEPT.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.	Reg.	5.00 PM	G.P.O.	Reg.	5.00 PM
K.P.O.	Ord.	5.30 PM	G.P.O.	Ord.	5.30 PM

MONDAY, 29th SEPT.

Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

K.P.O.	Reg.	4.00 PM	G.P.O.	Reg.	4.00 PM
K.P.O.	Ord.	4.30 PM	G.P.O.	Ord.	4.30 PM

TUESDAY, 7th OCT.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services."

K.P.O.	Reg.	5.00 PM	G.P.O.	Reg.	5.00 PM
K.P.O.	Ord.	5.30 PM	G.P.O.	Ord.	7.00 PM

## SESSIONS REVELATION IN BRIBERY CASE

That a Chinese sub-inspector was offered \$50 per day as "protection" for a gaming house, to withhold information and to warn it of any proposed Police raids, was revealed by the Crown in a bribery case at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when NG CHAU-LAM and CHEUNG HON-WAH, were arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, for having offered to S. I. Lam Yung-hon \$50 with a view to influencing him in his duty as a public servant.

The case took a sudden turn after the luncheon adjournment when the first accused, who had testified, failed to answer his name. His bail of \$2,500 was arrested.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sgt. T. Cashman, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, was for the defence. The jury comprised Messrs. R. W. Smith (Foreman), Cheung Tin-lee, Chu Fook-yin, Lam Yun-ming, Lai Im-tong, P. A. Cordelero and A. S. Gomes.

Originally three men were charged but the third, IP PO-WAI, did not turn up when pleas were taken at the start of the Sessions on Wednesday last, and his bail was estreated.

C. S. I. Chan Cheung-chun and C. S. I. Lam had been approached and they made a report to Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A.S.P. A meeting

### ESCORT BUREAU

In evidence, Ng Chau-lam denied that he offered a bribe. All arrangements were made by Ip and he (Ng) assumed that he would be given "protection" for his girls' escort bureau. Accused denied he had any permanent gambling establishment.

Without retiring the jury returned unanimous verdict of Guilty. Passing sentence, his Lordship said accused had been found guilty of a very serious offence, more so in times like these.

His Lordship imposed six months' hard labour and a fine of \$500, in default, another six months, consecutive.

His Lordship congratulated the two Chinese sub-inspectors on the way they had conducted themselves and in giving evidence.

he was satisfied with that arrangement, witness replied in the negative, adding that he had pressed Kin Lee on several occasions and only as recent as a few days ago.

### DID NOT STOP

When asked why he did not stop work for Kin Lee, witness stated that he threatened to do so about ten days ago but was assured by Mr. Bishop that the money would be paid. Kin Lee paid him \$5,000 after that. Mr. Bishop, however, did not tell him that Kin Lee had been paid by Government.

Chairman—I will give you a piece of advice. If ever Kin Lee is two weeks in arrears, stop work, and sue them. Another piece of advice: go back to Kin Lee and tell them that unless they pay you the \$10,000 they owe you to-day you will take out a writ against them.

Witness—I always tell them that. Chairman—You always tell them that, but you never do anything. —Yes, because there is always a Government official (Mr. Bishop) mediating.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 26 Sept. to 2 Oct. 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Week	Days of Month	Height Standard Time	Height
Fri.	26	h. m.	h. m.
		00 09	06 54
		13 42	18 17
Sat.	27	00 55	08 04
		15 04	19 54
Sun.	28	02 03	09 24
		16 37	21 20
Mon.	29	03 10	11 04
		18 14	23 20
Tues.	30	04 43	13 12
		19 30	25 27
Wed.	1	06 01	15 04
		20 01	27 04
Thu.	2	07 07	16 54
		21 04	29 04

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